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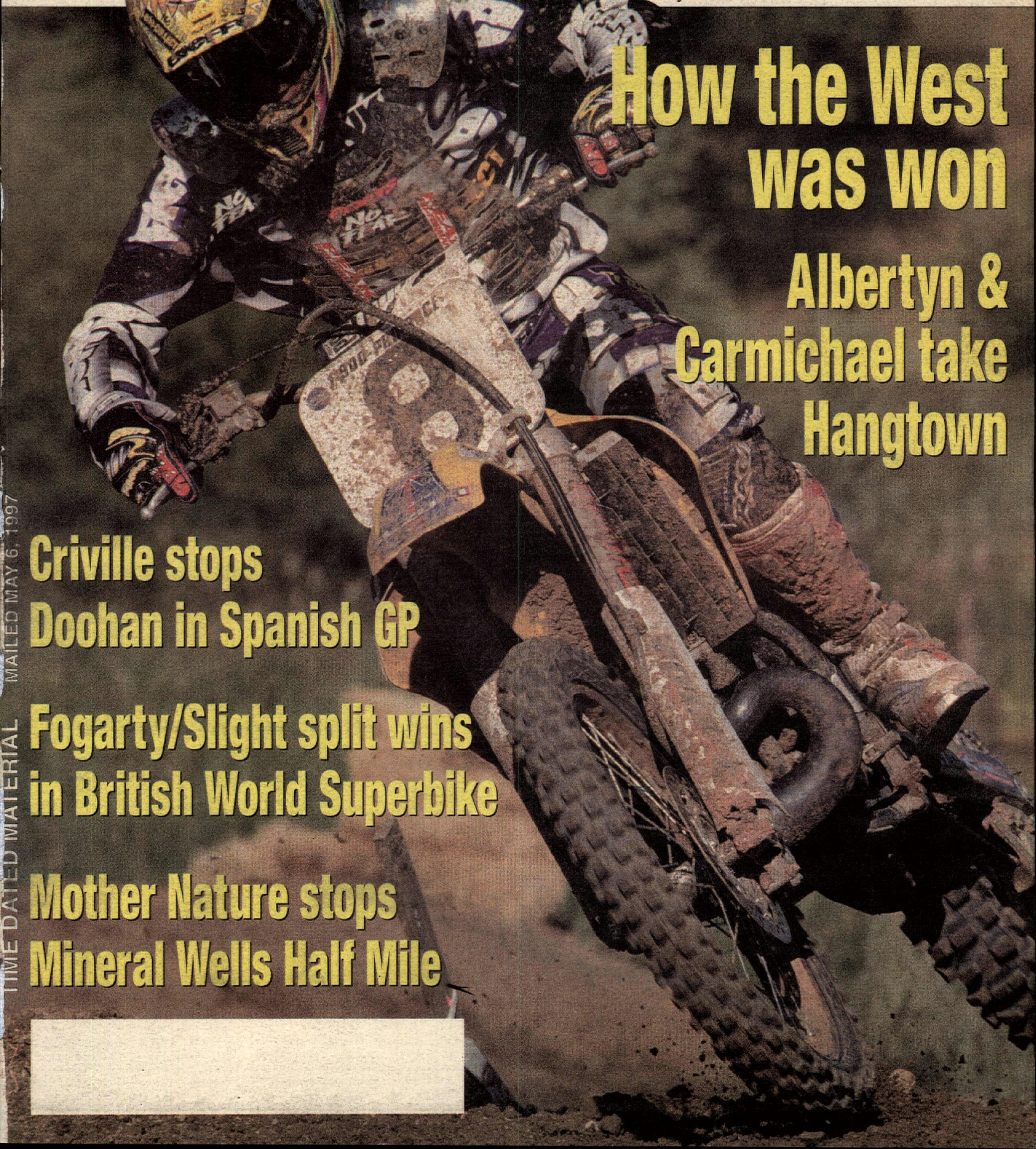

How the West was won

Albertyn & Carmichael take Hangtown

Criville stops Doohan in Spanish GP

Fogarty/Slight split wins in British World Superbike

Mother Nature stops Mineral Wells Half Mile

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Lance Smail (KTM) roosted to the overall win with perfect 1-1 moto finishes at round three of the AMA/Maxima Western Four-Stroke National Motocross Series, held in conjunction with the Hangtown National Motocross in Sacramento, California, May 4. **Shaun Kalos** (Hbg) went 2-2 for second, with **Spud Walters** (Hon) in his best finish in the series to date taking third with 4-3 finishes. **Ty Davis** (Kaw) and **Mike Healey** (Hon) completed the top five.

Doug Blackwell (Yam) scored the overall win at round five of the AMA National Enduro Series, which was hosted by the Appalachian Dirt Riders in Wellston, Ohio, on May 4. Series points leader **Michael Lafferty** (KTM) was second and defending series champion **Randy Hawkins** (Yam) was third.

Motocrosser **Mike Young Jr.** underwent surgery at Loma Linda University Hospital, in Loma Linda, California, on Tuesday, April 29, to have a rod placed in his back after breaking three vertebrae in his lower back as a result of a practice-session crash at the Western Four-Stroke National Motocross round at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, California, April 27. Although the surgery went well and the damage to his spine is not quite as serious as first thought, Young still suffers paralysis in his lower extremities. Since the operation, Young has been moved from intensive care to rehabilitation, and friends close to Young say that he is "doing fine" and resting comfortably. Young will remain in the hospital for a few months. To help defray his medical costs, Husaberg will be raffling off a Husaberg 501FC throughout the year and tickets will begin being sold at the Glen Helen 125/250cc National Championship MX on May 11. The winning ticket will be drawn later in the year. Also, a fund-raising auction will be held in conjunction with an autograph signing with Team Chaparral Racing members at Chaparral Cycle Supply in San Bernardino, California, on May 9, the Friday before the Glen Helen National, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The third annual **Pennzoil Nationals** were postponed on April 24-27 after rain hit the Virginia Motorsports Park in Richmond, Virginia, following the first round of Pro eliminations. The racing will resume in Richmond on May 10 in what will be the fourth round of the 14-race NHRA Pro Stock Motorcycle Championship.

Machinations among the tobacco giants may lie behind the recent maneuvers surrounding the rumored departure of **Anthony Gobert** from the Lucky Strike Suzuki team, reports *Cycle News* contributor Darryl Flack. It is understood that Alain Prost's Formula One car team is set to make a substantial deal for Lucky Strike sponsorship now that the French distributor of the Gauloises brand, whose colors currently adorn Prost's Mugen-Honda-powered cars, is to add Lucky Strike to its stable of European brands (British American Tobacco Co. currently controls Lucky Strike in the United States and Britain). In light of the financial difficulties being suffered by the Yamaha Power Horse team, both Troy Corser and Luca Cadalora were thought to be possible candidates for Gobert's seat, should he leave the Lucky Strike squad. Corser, however, has reportedly rejected overtures to replace his Aussie rival, while Cadalora is apparently still considering his options. Meanwhile, a new name has been thrown into the mix: Rising French 250cc Honda star Olivier Jacque has been nominated as a possible candidate for the Suzuki 500cc spot, in Lucky Strike livery, a move with obvious marketing dimensions given that the European power base of the Lucky Strike brand will be in France.

Nationally ranked motorcycle drag racer **Angelle Seeling** and accomplished motorcycle hillclimber **Cathy Templeton** are two of the presenters set to share their views at the first-of-its-kind Women & Motorcycling National Conference, scheduled for July 13-16 in Westerville, Ohio. An estimated 500 motorcyclists - about 90 percent of them women riding their own bikes - are expected to attend the conference where they will meet, share their experiences and hear presentations on the growing women's presence in American motorcycling. For more information on the conference, call the AMA at 614/891-2425.

Anyone interested in renting a Skip Eaken-prepared **Harley-Davidson XR750** for the AMA Grand National Championship Series can now do so on a per-race basis from DF Leasing. The package includes transportation of the bike to the race, all tires and fuel, full-time pit crew, trackside assistance and race preparation by Skip Eaken - all for $3000. Rider keeps 100 percent of the purses earned. For more information, call 806/358-6892.

AMA Pro Racing is looking for a media-relations specialist to fill the position of **Pro Racing Communications Manager**, replacing Larry Lawrence who is resigning his position and will move back to his home in Indianapolis, Indiana, to work as a college tennis coach. Applicants need a proven record in media relations, including experience in conducting media tours, press conferences, writing press releases, maintaining historical information and running media centers at AMA Nationals. According to the AMA, the position requires strong attention to detail, proven writing skills, project planning and supervision skills, working knowledge of current word processing, database and spreadsheet programs and the ability to communicate with the media on a daily basis. Knowledge of motorsports and a degree in communications or related fields are considered advantages for applicants. The position also requires travel and will be based at the AMA's home office in Westerville, Ohio. Resumes and published work can be sent to AMA Pro Racing, 33 Collegeview Rd., Westerville, OH 43081.

Paul Thede will host his **Technical Edge Basic Suspension Seminar** on August 2-4 in Pomona, California. The three-day seminar will teach suspension theory, practice and troubleshooting. Thede's advanced version of the course, the Advanced Technical Edge Seminar, is an extensive two-day course that covers the next level of suspension tuning and will be held on October 25-26. The courses cost $495 with an early-sign-up discount available. For more information, call Joe Meyers at 909/594-7755.

The Kern County (California) Kiwanis and Bill Wright Toyota will host a **professional supercross** race on Friday, July 25 at the **Kern County Fairgrounds** in Bakersfield. The race fill feature a $10,000 pro purse in the 125 and 250cc classes with the winner going home with $2500. For more information, call 805/327-1172.

According to the California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP) Bulletin, **motorcycle accidents** in California have dropped 67 percent since the introduction of the Motorcyclists Safety Program in 1987. CMSP also says that there has been a drop of 88 percent among riders under the age of 18. The analysis is the result of a study recently completed by Systan Inc., a California research firm, for CMSP to determine the program's effectiveness and to measure the accident rates of persons completing the California Motorcycle Training courses in comparison to those who have not completed the training. The matched-pair analysis shows that the accident rates of untrained novice riders are more than double the rates of their trained counterparts for at least six months after training, when riding experience begins to have a leveling effect on the differences between the two groups.

According to a release from Championship Cup Racing (CCS), 15 industry sponsors have stepped up to make **$1 million** in cash and prizes available to CCS road racers in 1997. Most of the contingencies are available at all 55 CCS events with motorcycle manufacturer prizes available on specific schedules. The '97 sponsor list includes Yamaha, Suzuki, Kawasaki, Jawa/CZ, Vortex, Ferodo, EBC/Silkolene, Protek, Arrow, Sharkskinz, Metzeler/Pirelli, Dunlop and Bridgestone.

Due to the fact the **American Supercamp** will be using the facility on May 2-6, speedway riders will not be able to practice at Ken Maely's Hotshoe Ranch in Corona, California, on those dates.

Parts Unlimited recently inked a deal with Braun ProNotions and is now the presenting sponsor of the **25th annual Texas MX Series**. The first two rounds of the series have already been held at Burleson and Mosier Valley USA with five rounds remaining at 290 Motocross, Lakeside Motorsports, Highlands Motocross Park and Mosier Valley USA. Parts Unlimited will also back Braun

Mineral Wells Half Mile rescheduled

The first "Rolling Thunder Show" of the 1997 AMA Grand National Championship Series went exactly as it did in 1996 - down the drain thanks to inclement weather.

Rain forced the cancellation of the second round of the series at West Virginia Motor Speedway in Mineral Wells, West Virginia, on May 3. Teams showed up on the morning of the event only to find the banked, half-mile, red-clay track a total quagmire thanks to several fast-moving, moisture-laden clouds.

"The rain actually compounded what we did to the race track yesterday," AMA Dirt Track Manager Bruce Bober said.

Bober said that in an effort to ensure that the track would be in the best possible shape, the track crew doused the surface with water, only to have the rain come along and supersaturate the clay. All hope of getting the event in - even on the proposed rain date of Sunday, May 4 - was lost when the forecast showed that the weather would only worsen. A rather controversial decision was then made to reschedule the event for Friday night, May 23, forcing the teams to make a 12-hour trek to Springfield, Illinois, on Saturday for the Sunday running of the Springfield Mile, arguably the biggest race of the year, which is scheduled for May 25. Though several of the teams grumbled, most ultimately agreed with the decision. Greg Crow, crew chief for the Gardner Racing/Walters Brothers Harley-Davidson team of Dan Butler, ultimately offered the majority perspective.

"Hey, we're racers," Crow said. "If they tell us we have to come back, then we'll be here. It's going to be tough on everyone, but I didn't bust my ass in the garage all winter to start canning race dates."

Everts, Puzar top World MX

Honda's Stefan Everts took the overall win at round five of the World Championship 250cc Motocross GP, held in Brou, France, May 4, while two-time World Champion Sandro Puzar rode his factory TM to victory at the fourth round of the 125cc Championship in Schwanenstadt, Austria.

Everts landed the win after carding 1-2 moto scores for 37 points on the day with reigning 125cc World Champion Sebastien Tortelli scoring 3-1 finishes for second overall on 35 points. Frederic Bolley (Kaw) was third with a 4-3 score.

Tallon Vohland's championship hopes took another turn for the worse as the broken shoulder blade he suffered two weeks ago in Italy - he was tied with Everts for the series lead at the time - kept him from riding in France.

"He wanted to ride, but even with painkillers he couldn't hold onto the bike with both hands," team manager Michele Rinali said. "He's very disappointed."

Everts now leads the championship with 167 points, followed by Tortelli with 132 and Marnicq Bervoets, eighth in France, with 126. The injured Vohland is fourth with 95 points and Pit Beirer, 13th on the day, is fifth with 93.

In Austria at the 125cc race, TM factory rider Puzar, 28, scored the 20th MX GP win of his career, defeating fellow Italian Chicco Chiodi on his Yamaha. Puzar's 2-1 moto finishes mirrored Chiodi's and thus Chiodi retains his lead in the standings, some 23 points ahead of Puzar.

Husaberg-mounted Claudio Federici completed an all-Italian podium with 3-4 moto finishes to move into fourth in the standings ahead of Bob Moore, who was unable to race due to a broken bone just below the elbow in his left arm. Moore discovered the break upon returning to Italy after his win in Spain two weeks earlier, and after trying to practice in Austria elected not race.

ProNotions in the Northeast Motocross Classic Series, kicking off at Broome-Tioga Sports Center on May 18.

John Callahan of Jackson, Wyoming, is the winner of the 1997 Cycle News/Sea-Doo Sweepstakes. Callahan will soon take delivery of a Sea-Doo XP personal watercraft.

Renegade Sport, a new sportswear company on the East Coast, is now accepting applications for motocross/supercross sponsorship. Renegade will be sponsoring riders from 50cc to Vet at local and National events. Interested riders can send resumes to Renegade Sport, Rt. 5, Box 830, Hillsville, VA 24343.

After listening to comments from nearly 50 off-highway vehicle enthusiasts and several road motorcyclists, the San Diego (California) Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to continue its **OHV trails plan feasibility study**, which began nearly five years ago. An overflow crowd of more than 300, the majority of whom reside and recreate in San Diego County, attended this pivotal meeting on April 30 to show their support for the need for quality OHV recreation opportunities throughout the county.

Flashback Racing Productions will hold an AHRMA/AMA-sanctioned vintage motocross and riders' school at Mammoth Mountain in Mammoth, California, on April 8-10. For more information, call 619/669-6845.

With an elaborate **Harley-Davidson Cafe** scheduled to open in late 1997 in Las Vegas, Nevada, Harley-Davidson announced a scheduled groundbreaking ceremony for Tuesday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. The Harley-Davidson Cafe will be a three-story, 20,000-square-foot facility which captures the unique character of the American motorcycle maker's heritage. Memorabilia featured at the new restaurant will include Harley-Davidson motorcycles belonging to actress Ann-Margaret and pop-singer Billy Joel and a replica of the "Captain America" motorcycle used in the movie Easy Rider. The restaurant will also display selected models of Harley's current line as well as an extensive collection of souvenir merchandise for sale.

One of the more popular viewing areas at **Road America** in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin - turn 12 or Canada Corner - will now feature bleacher seating for 1000 spectators. In addition to the new spectator area, Road America has also added a new Billy Mitchell bridge to get fans over the track from turn 13 to the paddock area. Road America kicks off its 1997 racing season with the AMA/MBNA Superbike Series round, scheduled for June 6-8.

Pirelli recently presented $5300 to the AMA as its contribution to the Pirelli/Summers/AMA Open Trail Fund. The amount marked an increase of $300 over the company's 1996 contribution. The Pirelli/ Summers/AMA Open Trail Fund was created in 1995 when Pirelli Motorcycle Tires joined forces with multi-time off-road champion Scott Summers and the AMA to help preserve current off-road riding areas and to establish new ones.

A $50,000 sponsorship program for the AMA 125/250cc National Motocross Championship has been announced for the final 12 rounds of the 13-race series, according to a release from Gerace Communications. The program is being underwritten by **Skoal Bandit Racing** and will pay the top-finishing non-factory Pro privateer in both the 125 and 250cc class.

Performance Engineering has announced that it will back **Ronnie Tichenor** in the AMA 125cc National Motocross Series. The team will use Suzuki RM125s.

Jay Leno has announced that he will serve as Grand Marshall of Love Ride 14, the largest motorcycle fund-raising event in the world, on November 9. Leno will lead a pack of 25,000 motorcyclists on a 50-mile caravan from Harley-Davidson of Glendale (California) to a concert, barbecue and motorcycle trade show at Castaic Lake in the Santa Clarita Valley. The 14th annual event raised an estimated $1.25 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For more information, call 818/583-4321.

Southern California intermediate motocrosser **Kevin Esnault**, 27, died of injuries sustained while practicing at Perris Raceway in Perris, California, on April 27. A three-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department, Esnault was last assigned to the gang unit at the Harbor Division. "Officer Esnault bravely accepted any assignment and never shirked a task," said Sargent Robert Fiesler of the Los Angeles Police Department. "He was with us only a short time, but he made the most of the time he had. He will be much missed in both the racing and police groups."

A bill that would create a special fund to allow Illinois counties and not-for-profit groups to expand that state's off-road riding opportunities has passed the state **House of Representatives** and now goes to the Senate, according to the AMA. The bill, HB 489, would create an off-road titling and registration program with part of the fees going to the Department of Natural Resources. The department, in turn, would create a fund managed by a committee of trail-bike and ATV enthusiasts to provide grants for groups wishing to provide trail-riding opportunities.

The first motorcycle road race in Connecticut in several years will be held at **Stafford Motor Speedway** on May 18. The event will be a U.S. Classic Racing Association vintage event run on the track's road circuit in conjunction with two events on the speedway's oval: an AMA asphalt flat-track motorcycle race and a Legends car race. For more information, call 603/239-6778.

Due to the large number of entries at the first two rounds of the **1997 FMF So. Cal Supercross Series** held at A.V. Fairgrounds in Lancaster, California, the starting times for the last three races - May 17, May 24 and May 31 - have changed with the gates scheduled to open at 2:30 p.m. with practice at 4 p.m. and the first race at 6 p.m. For more information, call 805/942-1211.

BORN: Jack Edmondson, to Team Suzuki Off-Road's Paul Edmondson and his wife Mandy, in Staffordshire, England, on May 1.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At Garrett's Harley-Davidson/Kawasaki in Streator, Illinois, on May 31. Grand National Champion Scott Parker and Davey Camlin are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 815/672-7152.

APPOINTED: Diane Carter to the position of sports-promotions/press-relations manager of American Suzuki Motor Corportation. Suzuki also announced the promotion of Merk Reese to the position of public-relations manager within the motorcycle-sports promotions department, effective May 1.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At Desert Only Yamaha in Henderson, Nevada, on May 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Team Yamaha's Kevin Windham, Doug Henry, Ezra Lusk and John Dowd, and Team Chaparral are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 702/565-5254.

OPENED: FMF Racing's home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.fmfracing.com.

APPOINTED: Michael D. Manning to the position of associate product manager, by Dunlop Tire Corporation's Motorcycle Tire Division. Manning was previously employed by American Honda Motor Company as a communications coordinator and senior technical writer.

OPENED: Zero Gravity's home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.zerogravity-racing.com.

OPENED: AMA D-23's Amateur Riders Motorcycle Association's home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.armca.org.

OPENED: The Norsemen Motorcycle Club's home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.visi.com/~rgrill/norsemen/norsemen.html. The Norsemen are the hosts of the sixth round of the AMA National Enduro Series.

OPENED: Braun ProNotions' satellite office, at 6434 Maple Ave., Dallas, TX 75235. The new location will handle public relations, marketing and coordinating events west of the Mississippi.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At Vegas Power Sports in Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 16 at 4 p.m. Members of Team Primal Impulse and Manchester Honda are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 702/798-2815.

SIGNED: North American Sport Bike (NASB) has reached an agreement with CAS Communications to provide the racing organization with marketing and promotional support. CAS Communications is run by Carol Stacy.

SIGNED: Mickael Pichon, to a contract by Sidi. The Frenchman will wear Sidi boots in his comeback from the broken leg suffered at the opening round of the AMA Supercross Series in the Los Angeles Coliseum. CN

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VOICES
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In jest from the Pres

I was really disappointed with your "rumors" story (Racer X, Issue #17, April 30). I mean it was good and all, but how could you have missed the news that radical AMA rule changes in 1998 will ban all engine configurations from MX/SX except 750cc V-twins, giving those introduced prior to 1975 a weight break, thereby providing you-know-who much-needed exposure before the Gen-X, headbanger, youth market.

Please take us a little more seriously by acknowledging our forward-thinkingness.

Ed Youngblood
President, AMA
Westerville, OH

Godspeed, Gary

On Sunday, April 27, we lost a great friend and motorcycle enthusiast, Gary Blackman. He was part owner of Blackman's Cycle in Emaus, Pennsylvania. The plane he was piloting went down in the foggy skies of Virginia. We would like to wish his family and friends the best through these hard times. Gary was a great asset to everyone who knew him. His great personality, his business knowledge and, most important, his love for the motorcycle industry.

His willingness to help others made Gary rise to top of the fast-paced motorcycle industry. On behalf of Blackman's Motocross Team, Chris and Jeremy Garges and family would like to extend our condolences to everyone at Blackman's Cycle. Gary will be greatly missed.

Chris Garges
cxg176@psu.edu

Get well, Mike

For those of us who ride motocross, the threat of any serious injury is always a thought that we try not to ponder - until it happens to a good friend and a great person. Mike Young is just that. Always cheerful and fun-loving at the track, I look forward to the time he returns and we can all enjoy his friendship.

I know Mike has the strength to get through this. Mike, we are praying for you and your family. Good luck.

Jay Clark
Perris, CA

Mike Young suffered spinal injuries during a practice crash for the AMA National Four-Stroke Motocross Series at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, California on April 27. According to Clark, an auction will be held at Chaparral Cycle Supply in San Bernardino on May 9 to help raise money for Young's rehabilitation. For the latest information on Young, see the In the Wind section of this week's issue... Editor.

The winner says...

I would like to thank Chris Carr, Steve Mayfield and Knox Associates for what was one of the best nights of racing at the Lodi Cycle Bowl.

It doesn't take much but sheer dedication from these two racers to involve themselves and others by giving back to the sport of professional dirt track racing as they did. For years we've been losing tracks, promoters and side-by-side racing on the West Coast, but April 26, 1997, was a night when everyone went home a winner.

Thanks again for your efforts and hard work in making this race a success. I am proud to say that having the opportunity to participate in the Burger King/Applebee's Spring Classic was something I'll always remember.

Andy Tresser
Redwood City, CA

Trials a go-go

I am really enjoying your coverage of the World Championship Observed Trials rounds. The preview article by John Dickinson was great and set the stage for the intensity of the 1997 competition. The photos were pretty good, for the most part, too.

Somehow the photos never seem to do justice to the sometimes incredible maneuvers that the riders at this level are capable of. The climbs never look as steep, the steps as vertical, or the chasms as wide as they do in real life. Oh, well, I guess I've got a good reason to make the trip to the next U.S. world round when it comes back to the East Coast.

Andy Hanson
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NASCAR vs. Motocross

This is in response to Glenn Rawlinson, who wrote complaining that the May 4 round of the AMA National Motocross Championship at Glen Helen just happened to be on the same day as a NASCAR race. One word: What?

How can you even consider going to a NASCAR race when there's a motocross - any motocross, for that matter - to go to. You can't compare athletes like Jeremy McGrath, Mike LaRocco and Jeff Emig to old, out-of-shape car drivers. How insulting.

Armen Clawson
Tulare, CA

Get dished

In Wade McQueen's letter (Voices, Issue #18, May 7), he tells of his difficulties getting TCI to carry Speedvision. TCI doesn't offer it in my area either. So what?

Yesterday (Sunday, May 4), I had a choice of four road races, including same-day feed of the Spanish Grand Prix and the World Superbike race at Donington Park.

Wade, quit holding your breath: Get a dish.

Randy Warren
Corte Madera, CA

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Greg Albertyn won the 250cc National Motocross at Hangtown, via a 2-1 moto tally. Photo by Kinney Jones.

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Albertyn, Carmichael rule Hangtown

(Left) After a second-place finish in the first moto, Greg Albertyn, on his Ian Harrison-tuned, 1-800-Collect-backed Suzuki, came back to finish way out in front of the pack in the second moto to score the overall 250cc National win. (Below) Team Pro Circuit/SplitFire/Kawasaki's Ricky Carmichael won both 125cc National motos going away.

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If you owned the lead by the end of the first lap, you stood a good chance of winning at this year's running of the 29th Hangtown National Motocross. Just ask Team Kawasaki's Jeff Emig and Team Pro Circuit/SplitFire/Kawasaki's Ricky Carmichael and they'll tell you that jumping out in front early was, indeed, the key to their success at Hangtown.

In the opening round of motos, both Emig and Carmichael shot to the front and rode off to victories, and Carmichael got the second series of motos off to another first-lap lead proceeded by another runaway victory, but Team Suzuki's Greg Albertyn was the exception to the rule in the second 250cc moto. He did not lead after the first lap but he was leading at the end.

In that second 250cc moto, Albertyn got off the line in third, passed Chaparral/Yamaha's Phil Lawrence and Yamaha's Doug Henry right away and opened up a huge lead that not even first-moto winner Emig could do anything about. Emig, after rounding the first turn in about fifth in the final 250cc moto, eventually found his way into second only to discover that Albertyn was already long since gone, to the tune of 17 seconds.

As a result, Albertyn and his mechanic Ian Harrison posted their second major win of the year - their first coming at the opening round of the AMA Supercross Series in Los Angeles in January - after trading 1-2 moto finishes with Emig; Albertyn's tie-breaking second moto win at Hangtown giving him the nod over the series points leader Emig for the day.

"I'm feel stoked," an obviously ecstatic Albertyn said. "I've had a lot of problems here (Hangtown) in the past (last year, Albertyn was running second when his bike broke), and I'm so glad to come here and win."

With this win, Albertyn has put in three podium finishes in a row (including supercross races), and is finally showing the consistency and fast riding that has earned him three World titles.

"Now I feel I'm really on top of

things," Albertyn said. "This is my third podium finish in a row, and my confidence is high. That second moto went really smooth and I was comfortable. This is the closest feeling I've had to my European days (on the GP circuit)."

Third overall in the 250cc class went to a very happy Larry Ward of the Honda of Troy team. Ward kept Emig in sight for most of the first moto until Albertyn zapped him toward the end for third, and a seventh-place ride in the second moto was still good enough to give the Honda rider a well-deserved spot on the podium.

If there was one rider at Hangtown who captured the hearts of the large crowd, it was Henry who muscled his works YZM400F four-stroke Yamaha to a fourth overall finish after running among the leaders all day, and he certainly proved to those in attendance that the factory Yamaha is not lacking in the horsepower department. He was second off the line to Emig in the first 250cc moto and kept him honest throughout much of the race, but as one Team Yamaha member said, "There's plenty of power there, but it just takes a little more work." Henry, who hasn't raced since the St. Louis Supercross on April 5 after injuring his hand, just couldn't maintain Emig's pace at the end, and the fatigued rider dropped to ninth before it was all over. Henry reportedly nearly collapsed from exhaustion after the first moto, only to come out in the second race and pull the holeshot and run second for a long time before getting passed by Emig. Henry managed to hold on and finish third, giving him fourth overall, one spot ahead of Team Suzuki/1-800-Collect/Suzuki of Troy's Jeremy McGrath.

McGrath just couldn't get the starts he wanted. In the first moto, he rounded the first turn in ninth, climbed to seventh, crashed, battled fiercely with Henry at the end and finished eighth. In the second moto, McGrath got an even worse start and climbed up to fourth on the fast and hilly Hangtown track.

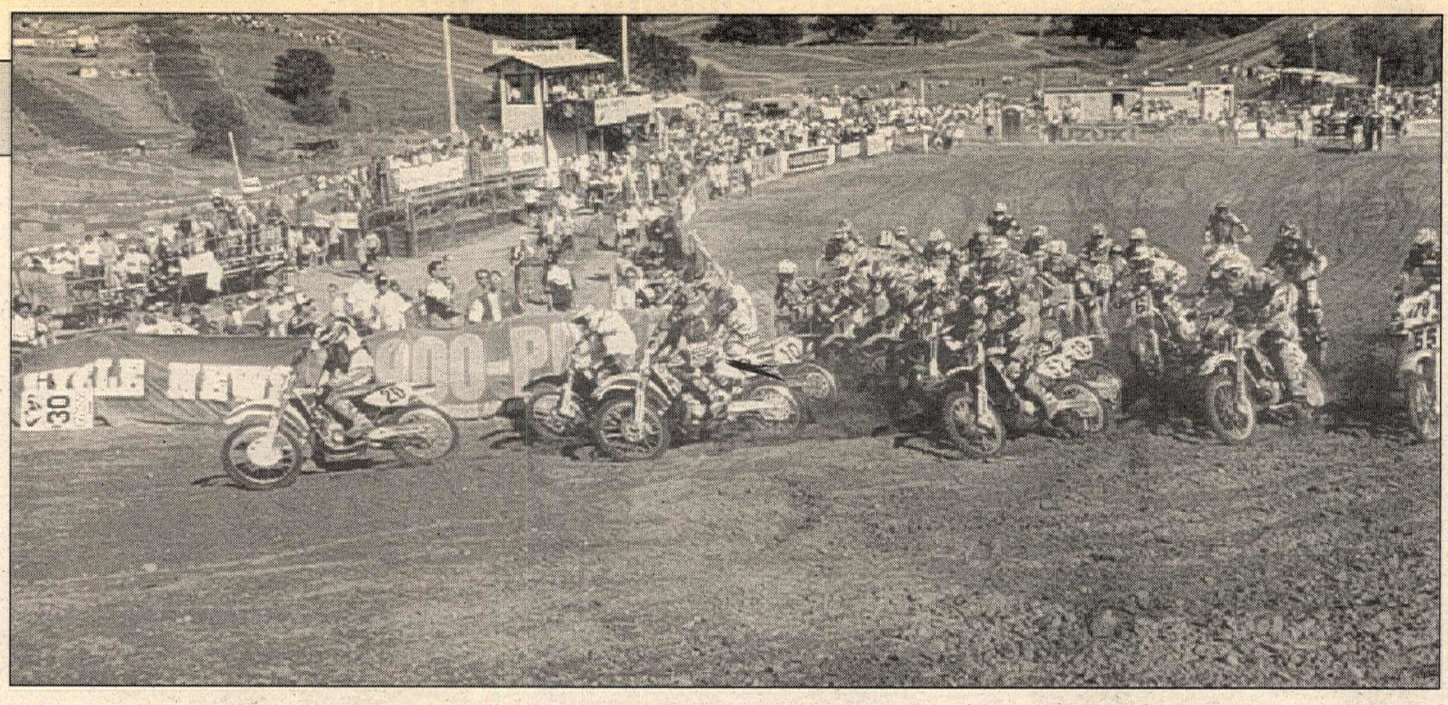
Sixth on the day went to McGrath's teammate Mike LaRocco, who went 4-8, while seventh went to Honda of Troy's Mike Kiedrowski (10-6). Rounding out the top 10 overall were Yamaha's John Dowd (5-12) and Chaparral/Yamaha's Jimmy Button (12-9) and Phil Lawrence (14-10).

Other notable finishers were Yamaha's Ezra Lusk, who crashed out of the first moto and took fifth in the second moto for 12th overall, and Manchester Honda's Damon Bradshaw, who posted 10-14 moto finishes for 14th overall.

No one even came close to Ricky Carmichael in either 125cc National moto. The Kawasaki rider simply blew away his competitors in seemingly easy fashion. Carmichael holeshot both motos and ran away to a pair of uncontested wins for his second overall victory of the two-race-old series.

The only rider who even remotely stayed close to Carmichael all day was Primal Impulse/Honda's Robbie Reynard, who maintained a six-second deficit on the Kawasaki rider for much of the first moto. That distance would stretch to about nine seconds before it was all over with Reynard taking second over Honda's Scott Sheak and Honda of Troy's Mike Craig.

In the second moto, Carmichael, on his Chad Watts-tuned KX125, opened up a quick lead and by the time Sheak worked his way around Yamaha's Kevin Windham and into second, the Kawasaki rider was already gone. At one point in the race, Carmichael held a 14-second advantage over the Honda rider before backing off the throttle ever so slightly late in the race.



(Above) Yamaha's Doug Henry pulls the holeshot on the YZM400F four-stroke in the second 250cc moto. Henry ran strong in both motos, finishing fourth overall. (Right) Kawasaki's Jeff Emig went 1-2 for runner-up honors and extended his series points lead over fifth-place-at-Hangtown Jeremy McGrath.

"I just got good starts, rode my own race, put in some good laps," Carmichael said. "The track is kind of like Gainesville (his home track) and my bike is running good, and I'm ready. It feels good. I can't believe I'm doing it (winning Nationals), actually. I don't know, I'd like to thank the whole team, my mechanic Chad Watts, and Johnny O'Mara for getting me trained for this. I'm comfortable with my bike but I just have to keep it up."

Sheak, in what was his best performance since joining Team Honda, took runner-up honors with a 3-2 showing, and Reynard ended up third with a 2-6 performance. Craig rode up front all day long and ended up fourth overall for his efforts with a pair of fours. Fifth overall went to Pro Circuit/SplitFire/Kawasaki's Casey Johnson (5-5), followed by Suzuki's Mickael Pichon (6-7) in what was his first ride back since breaking his leg at the supercross opener in Los Angeles. After Pichon came another Pro Circuit/SplitFire/Kawasaki rider Craig Decker (8-9), followed by Honda of Troy's Stephane Roncada (13-8), Primal Impulse/Honda Shaun Perolio (11-10) and Chaparral/Yamaha's Michael Brandes. Finishing 11th overall was Yamaha's Kevin Windham whose bike broke on the starting line and was unable to start the first moto (see Briefly...). Windham did come back to post a third-place finish in the second moto.

Defending 125cc National Champion Steve Lamson of Team Honda was not among the top-10 finishers at Hangtown. Lamson was making his comeback at Hangtown following a thumb injury sustained earlier in the year, but just two laps into the first moto while running in the top three, Lamson reinjured the thumb and will now again have to sit out a number of races. Lamson finished out that first moto in seventh place but did not start the second moto (see Briefly...).

250cc NATIONAL

The first 250cc National moto saw Emig power his Jeremy Albrecht-tuned KX250 into the lead, followed by Henry, Thor/Primal Impulse/Bill's Pipes' Buddy Antuez and Ward, who had control of third before the first lap was over. Emig, Henry and Ward soon broke loose from the rest of the pack, with Antunez hanging on to fourth place over Dowd, Albertyn, Lusk, McGrath, Hughes and LaRocco.

For a while, Henry pressured Emig and even made a couple of pass attempts but could not make any of those attempts stick. At times, Henry's thumper would produce a puff of blue smoke, something Henry's mechanic, Pete Steinbrecher, said is "normal with this bike," as result of a crankcase breathing system that sometimes allows crankcase oil into the exhuast.

Emig found it difficult to concentrate with Henry's thumper so close behind.

"It's hard to hear your bike with that damn four-stroke behind you," Emig said. "It really is, it's kind of annoying, but Doug is showing some really good speed on it, and that's encouraging."

It wasn't until about 10 minutes into the 30-minute-plus-two-lap race that Emig started to break away from Henry, and Ward, and it was also about this time when Lusk crashed and rode back to the pits with a broken clutch lever. Moments later, Kiedrowski, while running ninth, ran into the back of LaRocco and went down. He got back up and joined the race a distant 10th.

By the halfway point, Emig had opened up a semi-comfortable lead, and Ward had gotten by Henry for second, but that wasn't easy.

"It sucks," Ward said of dicing with Henry and his four-stroke. "Because he goes slow in the corners, so I get alongside of him, but then his bike is faster down the straightaways. But I knew he wouldn't last, I knew he would go backwards. I was hoping Emig wouldn't get too far away."

But he did.

Hughes and Albertyn, meanwhile, were involved in a heated battle that would carry them right past Henry. LaRocco moved up to seventh after McGrath crashed, and Antunez held down eighth. Bradshaw ran ninth, while

Rounds 2/2: Prairie City SVRA Park

(Left) Honda's Scott Sheak posted 3-2 moto finishes for second overall in the 125cc class.
(Above) Henry rode a white-and-red version of the works Yamaha thumper.

a frustrated McGrath was back on the attack in 10th, one position ahead of Lawrence.

Up front, Emig just kept stretching out his lead slowly but surely over Ward, and Albertyn finally got the upper hand on Hughes. Once in third, Albertyn set out after his next obstacle - Ward, who was putting in one of his best outdoor rides in a long time.

"Emig, he didn't have anything on me for speed," Ward said. "Actually he was pacing himself. I could see him slowing down, speeding up."

But as the race wore on, Ward began losing sight of the leader and had a fast-charging Albertyn to deal with. The former World champ, Albertyn, eventually caught and passed Ward at the 30-minute mark, while both LaRocco and Dowd got around Hughes for fourth and fifth, respectively.

The only real battle left was that between Henry and McGrath, who were now running eighth and ninth, respectively. Their dogfight lasted a number of laps until McGrath put an inside/outside move on the four-stroke rider and settled into the number-eight position.

At the finish, it was Emig taking the win with room to spare over Albertyn, Ward and LaRocco, who suffered through the moto in pain with a broken blister on his hand. Sixth went to Hughes, seventh Bradshaw, eighth to McGrath, ninth to Henry and 10th to Kiedrowski. Antunez dropped back to 11th, followed by Button, Noleen/Yamaha's Tony Amaradio, Lawrence and Yamaha rider Takeshi Kiokeda.

"The start was awesome," Emig said. "My bike is just working awesome. It hooked up and pulled me to the front (but) I didn't have my front brake adjusted right and was a little slow going into the turns. Outside of that I think I had a pretty good race."

Henry powered his thumper into the lead in the second moto and, after the first lap, it was Henry still leading followed by Albertyn, Lawrence, Hughes, Emig, Yamaha rider Jason McCormick, Button, Kiedrowski and McGrath.

Emig admitted that he "blew the start. I shifted from second, third and fourth too quick and bogged it," Emig said.

And Emig's problems continued when he got a face full of roost.

"I got blasted with mud and I (accidently) pulled off all of my tear-offs at one time, then I got blasted with mud again."

Also having first-lap problems were Dowd and LaRocco. Down went down and as he tried to get out of the way of the oncoming pack, fell right into LaRocco's path and took him out as well.

Meanwhile, Henry took the reigns but Albertyn was pressuring hard and was also getting a face full of blue smoke.

"I'm really fired up about that," Albertyn said of Henry's thumper. "I nearly crashed a couple times going into turns because I couldn't see. I mean it was bad, and I was choking. They need to do something about that."

Henry led for two laps before Albertyn got by him through a series of turns. Once out in front, Albertyn obviously wanted nothing more to do with Henry and quickly started pulling away. McCormick had a spectacular second lap, passing Emig - who was having a difficult time seeing through his mud-covered goggles - and Lawrence, and moved up another position when Hughes washed out on the freshly watered track. Hughes, reportedly, would crash two more times before calling it a day.

McCormick ran strong but could not quite handle the lead pace and was sent down to fourth by Emig on the next lap. Lusk and McGrath would soon get him and others later on, and McCormick would finish an eventual 13th.

By the time Emig had a firm grip on third, he was still some six seconds behind Henry and some 10 seconds behind the running-away Albertyn. Emig had to pass Albertyn in order to take home overall honors for the day, but, barring any major incident with Albertyn, this wasn't going to happen. Even though Emig closed the gap on Henry as the race wore on, the gap between him and the leader grew to 15 seconds.

Emig slowly reeled Henry in and passed the Yamaha rider just after the halfway mark, only to find that Albertyn's advantage had grown even further by two seconds. There would be no catching Albertyn in this moto.

"I was still having a hard-time seeing and I didn't really go after him (Albertyn) too hard," Emig said. "I was out of the comfort zone and didn't want to push it."

Albertyn would go on to win the moto and take the overall, while Emig could do nothing more but be satisfied with second and matched Albertyn's points total on the day, not to mention extending his points lead on McGrath for the series lead.

Henry ran a safe third for the rest of the race, maintaining his slight advantage over McGrath, who just couldn't reel in the leaders on the fast track. Lusk kept his Yamaha on two wheels this time to finish out his day in fifth, followed by Kiedrowski and Ward.

LaRocco ended up eighth, Button ninth and Lawrence 10th.

125cc NATIONAL

There was plenty of drama in the first 125cc moto and most of it happened even before the gate dropped. It all started when Windham came back from the parade lap and told his mechanic Alley Semar that he had heard a strange noise coming from his bike's motor, which proceeded to quit running on the starting line. The race was held up as the bike was pushed back to the pits and the motor was subsequently replaced with a new one. The bike was fired up but again quit running by the time it reached the starting line, and the pack left without him. A Yamaha spokesman said the problem with Windham's bike was "electrical."

As Windham watched from the sidelines, Carmichael roosted to the front of the pack and had already produced a small lead over the pack before the first lap was completed. Craig held down second, followed by Lamson, Reynard, Sheak, Chaparral/Yamaha's Michael Brandes, Pichon, Perolio and Suzuki rider Tony Lorusso.

By the third lap, Reynard had passed both Lamson and Craig for second and seemed to match Carmichael's pace for a while before slightly dropping back, while Craig stayed close to Reynard. Next came Lamson who had already jammed his tender thumb, and despite being in considerable pain, Lamson fended off teammate Sheak for a number of laps before giving in.

"The pain was so bad," Lamson said. "At times I thought I was going to pull off, but I just kept going. I struggled the rest of the race. I figured I'd just ride through it but it (his thumb) just kept pounding and pounding."

By the 15-minute mark, Carmichael had opened up a six-second lead over Reynard, who had some breathing room over Sheak. Craig now ran fourth, just ahead of Lamson, Pichon, Johnson, Brandes, Decker and Lorusso.

"Seemed like about the fifth lap I got some dirt in my goggles and it kind of screwed me up for a while," Craig said. "That's when both those guys (Reynard and Sheak) got by me. I was trying to blink and trying to get my goggles going."

Lamson continued his painful slide backward, as Pichon and Johnson closed in for the kill. Johnson actually passed Pichon first, then both he and Pichon zapped Lamson just before the 30-minute point.

The remaining few laps were nothing but a cruise for Carmichael, who would go on and take the checkered flag nine seconds ahead of Reynard, who held about six seconds on Sheak. Even further back came Craig, followed by Johnson, Pichon, Lamson and Decker. Brandes and Suzuki's Tim Ferry rounded out the top 10. Ferry, the recently crowned AMA Eastern Regional 125cc Supercross Champion, had gotten off to a back-of-the-pack start and spent the entire moto making up for it.

Craig, Johnson, Windham and Carmichael fought for the holeshot in the second 125cc moto, and emerging in front of the heap was Craig. But just as the leaders were about to complete the first lap, Carmichael put his Kawasaki into the lead again, followed by Craig, Johnson, Windham, Sheak, Reynard and Lorusso.

A number of riders were left picking up their bikes in the first turn, including Ferry, who circulated through the opening lap near the back of the pack.

Craig ran in second for a couple of laps before both Windham and Sheak got by and started pulling away. At this point, many were expecting Windham, the two-time 125cc West Coast SX Champion and 250cc Charlotte Supercross winner, to perhaps reel in and catch Carmichael but instead Sheak surprised everyone by passing Windham and pulling away from him just after the halfway point.

"I just didn't have the lines," Windham said. "The last time I rode on the track was 9 o'clock this morning and the track has changed a lot since then. I wasn't as smooth as I wanted to be."

By this time, however, Carmichael

had already built up a 10-second lead, which grew to 14 seconds before it was all over.

Late in the race, the top group had become quite spread out, with Carmichael leading the way. He would take it easy on the last lap, slowing down to wave at the crowd, and still finished with nine seconds to spare over Sheak. Windham finished all alone in third, while Craig, a distance back, just beat Johnson across the finish line in fourth. Reynard finished a lonely sixth, as did Pichon in seventh. Roncada ended up eighth, followed by Decker, Perolio, Noleen/Yamaha's Jeff Willoh, Brandes and Honda of Troy's Casey Lytle.

By winning both motos, Carmichael opened up his series points lead to 23 over Craig, 97-74. Just three points behind Craig is Sheak, who leads Reynard by another three points. CN

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Results: May 4, 1997 (Round 2 of 13)

250 MOTO 1: 1. Jeff Emig (Kaw); 2. Greg Albertyn (Suz); 3. Larry Ward (Hon); 4. Mike LaRocco (Suz); 5. John Dowd (Yam); 6. Ryan Hughes (Kaw); 7. Damon Bradshaw (Hon); 8. Jeremy McGrath (Suz); 9. Doug Henry (Yam); 10. Mike Kiedrowski (Hon); 11. Buddy Antunez (Hon); 12. Jimmy Button (Yam); 13. Tony Amaradio (Yam); 14. Phil Lawrence (Yam); 15. Takeshi Kiokeda (Yam); 16. Anthony Pocorobba (Suz); 17. Jason McCormick (Yam); 18. Ryan Huffman (Kaw); 19. Heath Voss (Hon); 20. Shawn Waring (Kaw); 21. Ty Wallace (Yam); 22. Yoshitaka Atsuta (Hon); 23. Ryan Terlecki (Suz); 24. Tom Clowers (Yam); 25. Brad Hagseth (Yam); 26. Jason Frenette (Kaw); 27. Patrick Gomm (Yam); 28. Kelly Andris (Yam); 29. Carey Hart (Yam); 30. Tyson Kady (Suz); 31. Jose Boykin (Yam); 32. Anthony Whipple (Yam); 33. Cliff Palmer (Suz); 34. Justin Tiearney (Yam); 35. Don Bisceglia (Suz); 36. James Eickel (Kaw); 37. Rich Taylor (Suz); 38. Ezra Lusk (Yam); 39. Ray Sommo (Hon); 40. Ty Birdwell (Kaw).

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125cc AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 2 of 13 rounds): 1. Ricky Carmichael (97/2 wins); 2. Mike Craig (74); 3. Scott Sheak (71); 4. Robbie Reynard (68); 5. Kevin Windham (58); 6. Steve Lamson (55); 7. Casey Johnson (53); 8. Michael Brandes (47); 9. Stephane Roncada (41); 10. Jeff Willoh (35); 11. Tony Lorusso (33); 12. Shaun Perolio (29); 13. Mickael Pichon (29); 14. Craig Decker (25); 15. Brian Deegan (22); 16. Barry Carsten (20); 17. Brock Sellards (18); 18. David Pingree (13); 19. Robbie Skaggs (12); 20. (TIE) Tim Ferry/Casey Lytle/Chad Pederson (11).

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 3 - San Bernardino, California, May 11
Round 4 - Mount Morris, Pennsylvania, May 25

(Above) McGrath suffered poor starts in both 250cc motos, and a crash in the first moto did not help his cause any. McGrath went 8-4 on the day for fifth overall. (Right) Primal Impulse/Honda's Robbie Reynard kept Carmichael somewhat in sight in the first 125cc moto. Reynard scored a second and sixth for third overall.

Briefly...

Defending 125cc National MX Champion **Steve Lamson** made his long-awaited return to the track following his thumb injury sustained in March. Lamson has sat out every supercross round since then in order to let the thumb heal so he could defend his 125cc National title, but Lamson re-injured the thumb in the first moto at Hangtown. "On the second lap, my hand kind of slipped back on the bar and tore it again," Lamson said. "Basically the same thing as I did the first time. I almost pulled off a couple of times because the pain was so bad. I tore it (the hand) back. It's your worst nightmare - you hit something real hard and your hand kind of slips forward and it rips your thumb back, something that happens all the time, but that's what I couldn't do. We were thinking about trying to ride the second moto, but it would do no good, because at this point, I can't get healthy enough for the next few races. I've got to take the time, get it operated on, or whatever I've got to do to get it healed. I felt pretty good, I've been riding a few weeks, just bad luck I guess."

Frenchman **Michael Pichon** made only his second appearance as a Team Suzuki member at Hangtown. At the opening round of the AMA Supercross Series in Los Angeles, January 11, Pichon crashed in his very first race aboard his Suzuki, breaking his femur. Ever since, Pichon has been recovering from the injury and started riding again only a few weeks ago. "I felt pretty good," Pichon said. "But I got pretty tired. I felt the four months I didn't ride. I'm happy, it's a good way to start my comeback."

Speaking of **Pichon**, the former two-time Eastern Regional 125cc Supercross Champion sported a new look at Hangtown. Recently, Pichon has been sponsored by JT France but showed up at Hangtown wearing Thor apparel. "With JT, they couldn't pay me for the rest of the year," Pichon said. "We together agreed to stop the contract, because they have problems in France. It's not JT USA. All the money (Pichon's contract) was coming from France. Everything was coming from France. JT (France) gave me everything they had to give me from last year and this year, they just couldn't pay me for the rest of the year."

The official word out of the Yamaha pits is that an "electrical" problem prevented **Kevin Windham** from starting the first 125cc National moto, but rumors circulating the pits said otherwise. Some say that Windham's bike seized on the start line, and that is why the entire engine was replaced and not just the electrical system. After the new engine was quickly installed, it too seized before reaching the start line. Sources have indicated that the problem might have something to do with fuel. Rumors circulated that "straight" gasoline for Doug Henry's four-stroke may have been inadvertently poured into Windham's 125. But Windham's mechanic Alley Semar and a Yamaha spokesman said the problem was electrical, as did Windham himself. "I don't know what really happened," Windham said. "I think somehow the end of the spark plug - the electrode or whatever - broke off somehow and wrecked it (the motor). I just got on it one time real hard and it made some weird pop. They seem to think it was from detonation. I guess there could be a little detonation without me hearing it, but who knows?"

The YZM400F Yamaha four-stroke that **Doug Henry** rode at Hangtown featured a new color scheme. Unlike the all-blue-colored two-stroke YZ machines ridden by the rest of Yamaha team, Henry's YZM featured the same white-with-red-and-black coloring as the two YZMs being ridden by Andrea Bartolini and Peter Johansson in Europe on the GP circuit. At the 250cc National series opener in Gainesville, Florida, earlier in the year, Henry's bike featured the all-blue U.S. team coloring. "We wanted Doug to feel as though he is still a part of the team," said team manager Keith McCarty. "He's already riding a four-stroke so we wanted his bike to look like everyone else's; we didn't want him to feel *different*." However, Yamaha decided they wanted the YZM to stand out more, to make it look "more like a Yamaha factory bike from Japan," said a Yamaha spokesman.

Team Kawasaki's **Damon Huffman** was a no-show at Hangtown. At the Dallas Supercross the previous week, Huffman fell in the first turn and injured his wrist, but his tuner Brian Lunniss expected him to ride at Hangtown. "He had X-rays taken of the wrist and found no broken bones," Lunniss said. "But on Thursday, he called me and said the wrist still hurt and wanted to sit this one out."

Team Suzuki's **Tim Ferry** was fighting a bad case of food poisoning at Hangtown. Ferry said he fell ill Saturday night and was still feeling the effects on race day.

The **third annual Skoal Bandit Racing Pro Privateer Challenge** went into effect at Hangtown, where the top-finishing non-factory pro privateer of each round in the 125 and 250cc class will be awarded a $500 check during the victory ceremonies at each event. A $200 check will be presented to the privateer who finishes second to the top privateer at each round as well. At Hangtown, the top privateers in the 125cc class were Jeff Willoh (12th) and Tony Lorusso (13th), and in the 250cc class, the top privateers were Tony Amaradio (11th) and Buddy Antunez (13th). In addition, a $5000 series check will be awarded to the top privateer in the 125 and 250cc classes who accumulates the most series points. Although the Challenge was not formulated in time for the first round of the National Series at Gatorback, points for the series award will be counted for all 13 rounds.

This year's **Hangtown track** was praised by most of the riders. "It was a good, tough track," Jeff Emig said. "A little hard to pass on, but it was good." Unlike years past, the track held up well and was, for the most part, dust-free, despite the warm and sunny weather conditions. The Dirt Diggers MC was celebrating the 29th anniversary of the Hangtown event.

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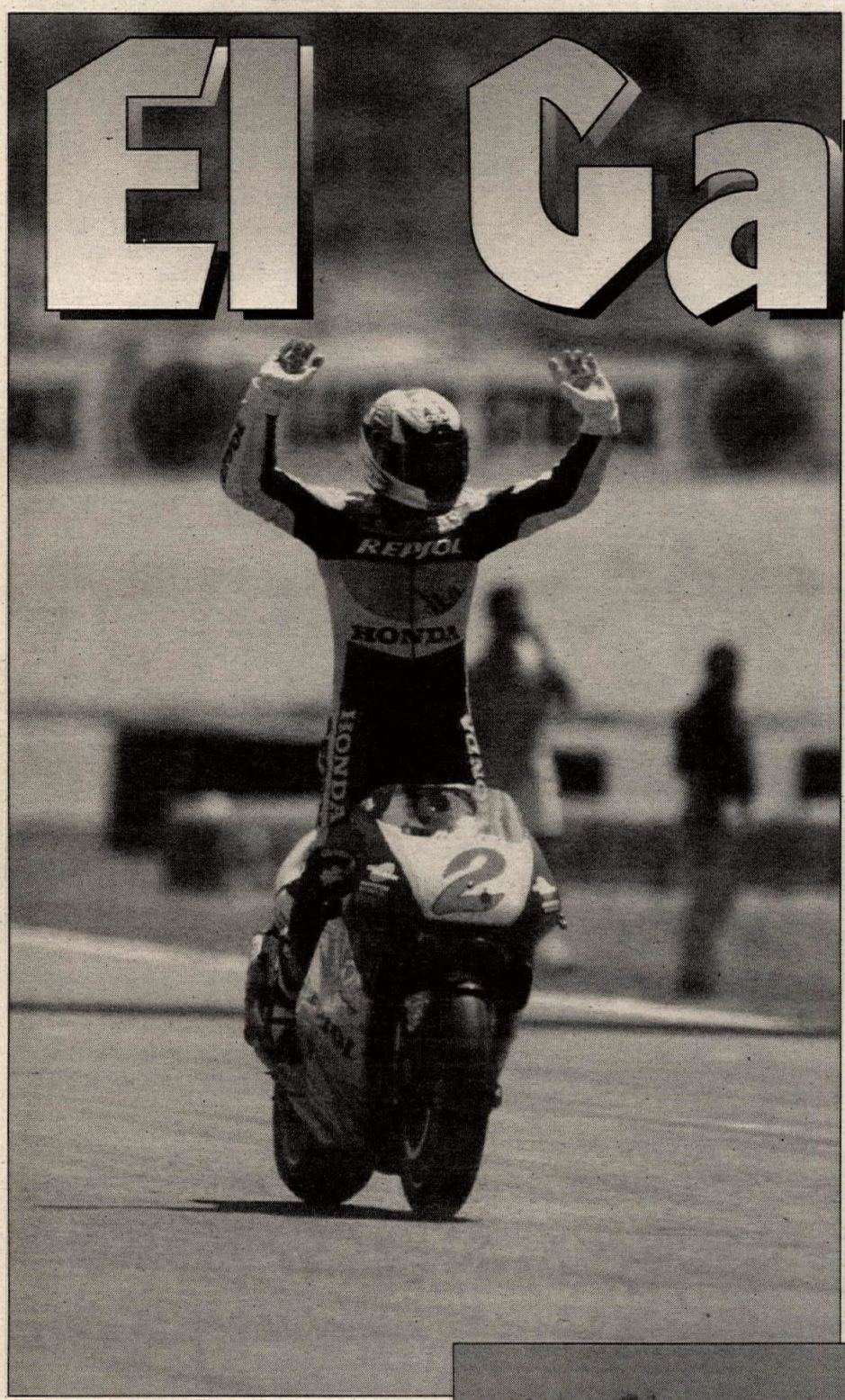

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JEREZ, SPAIN, MAY 4

There was one phrase that didn't come to Alex Criville's lips after trouncing Repsol Honda teammate Michael Doohan in the sun-drenched Spanish Grand Prix on Sunday: "May the Fourth be with you."

The date will doubtless remain etched in his memory. After a crash and bitter disappointment in a last-lap battle here last year, everything went the 26-year-old Spaniard's way at Jerez. While defending champion Doohan struggled with an engine that wouldn't rev, counting himself lucky to take a narrow second place from Tadayuki Okada only in the final laps, Criville had pulled steadily away from the first lap to the last, to take his first-ever clear start-to-finish victory in the 500cc class. He even had time for a rare celebratory wheelie on the last lap, still finishing more than six seconds ahead.

The vast crowd of well over 100,000 was ecstatic, but this time did not spill over to invade the track in the closing laps. That was left until the rostrum ceremony, where royal patron King Juan-Carlos personally congratulated the Barcelona boy made good.

"I was crying in the last lap, I was so happy to win," said Criville while Doohan congratulated him on a fine ride.

"I had no answer for him today," Doohan said. "I'm not sure what was wrong, but my bike wouldn't rev. The result's good for racing and good for the fans. Especially the Spanish fans."

Later, Doohan's pit crew found "a broken component affecting one cylinder." Crew chief Jerry Burgess said, "The new engine has some vibration patterns different from the old one." It is thought the component was part of the exhaust power-valve linkage.

"I was lucky to finish where I did. We also had a handling problem with the bike tracking badly that we haven't identified yet," Doohan added.

The race was another Honda whitewash. Repsol Hondas took the first four places, with Takuma Aoki's V-twin fourth, and Nobuatsu Aoki's FCC Technical Sports machine fifth. The best of the rest was returning injury victim Doriano Romboni, who fought through to claim a narrow and popular sixth on the newly enlarged 460cc V-twin Aprilia, ahead of two works Yamahas.

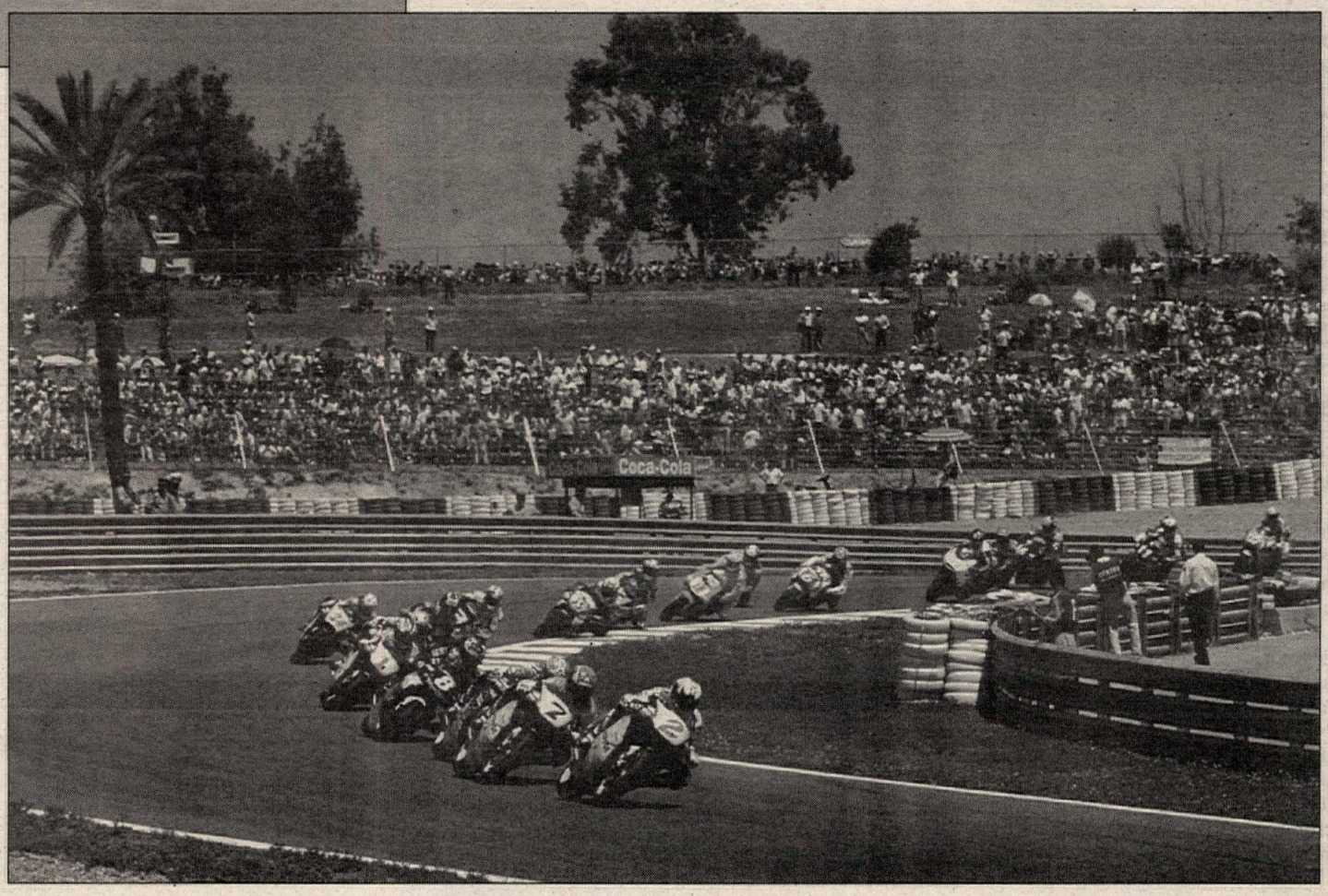
Daryl Beattie took his first finish of the season in a disappointed 12th; Lucky Strike Suzuki teammate Peter Goddard, riding again in place of Anthony Gobert, crashed out in the early stages. Others to fall included overly ambitious Spanish MoviStar Honda riders Alberto Puig and Carlos Checa - the latter in second place at the time; and World Superbike champion Troy Corser, in trouble all weekend with the handling of his Powerhorse Yamaha.

Jean-Michel Bayle scored points for a second race on the Modenas KRV3, finishing 13th; Kenny Roberts Jr. was second to last in 8th, giving Modenas their first two-bike finish.

Marlboro Honda's Ralf Waldmann took a massive win in a dull 250cc race, with title leader Tetsuya Harada and his Aprilia a distant second. Max Biaggi was third on his Marlboro Honda - after fighting his way right through the field.

Biaggi had been batted off into the dirt by Harada on only the second lap, lucky to stay wheels down as he dirt-tracked for a long way across the gravel. The race was robbed of much excitement by this and another early incident, with front-row qualifier Loris Capirossi and his Aprilia colliding with Honda fast man Tohru Ukawa in the first corner - both falling.

(Left) After coming so close a year ago, Alex Criville finally won the Spanish Grand Prix at Jerez.
(Below) Criville gets the jump on Tadayuki Okada (7), Carlos Checa (8), Michael Doohan (1) and the rest of the 500cc GP pack in front of a partisan Spanish crowd estimated at 100,000.



Teenage Italian Valentino Rossi won the 125cc GP on his Nastro Azzurro Aprilia in the first and most exciting race of the day, pulling through from 15th on the first lap to battle it out to the line with second-placed Noboru Ueda and pole starter Jorge Martinez. Australian Garry McCoy started from the front row only to retire after four laps with engine trouble.

500cc GRAND PRIX

Criville sprang straight into the lead, and was never headed. But while he waited for the expected challenge, instead his main rival Doohan appeared to be biding his time in fourth, while the youngsters sorted themselves out.

Okada was chasing in second, with Checa in third. The Spaniard was clearly ready for anything, and was out of the saddle twice on the fourth lap as he pushed and pushed against the Japanese Honda. Then he was ahead of Okada, with Criville still only a few yards ahead. The red mist saw to the rest of it. Half-a-lap later, on the corner before the back straight, he slid again - and this time he couldn't save it. He crashed unhurt - but it was not to be his turn to meet the king again today.

This gave Criville a half-second lead over Okada, and though he didn't expect it to last he made the most of his chances, riding fast but within himself to pull away gradually. He set the best lap of the race the eighth time around, half-a-second slower than the record; by then he had a second in hand. He kept on stretching away, to the delight of King and fans - five seconds on lap 15, eight seconds on lap 22, and needing only to stay on. He had a couple of slides, "but that was only to feel the tires - no problem," he said.

As this unfolded, so too did the Doohan question. Biding his time was one thing, but he was gradually losing ground to Okada in second, and that surely wasn't right. At half-distance, he was more than two seconds adrift, and though he did start to reel him in toward the finish, he only caught him with less than three laps to go. When he did pass him under brakes at the end of the back straight, Okada promptly passed him back into turn one at the start of the next lap.

It wasn't only the shortage of power, with one cylinder preventing the engine from revving out.

"I could have lived with that if I could have kept up a high corner speed, but the bike wasn't tracking well. We don't really know why," he said later.

He did repass Okada, and stayed in front to the finish, but he was only hundredths ahead across the line, and Okada actually passed him a few feet later.

"I feel lucky to have finished where I did," Doohan said.

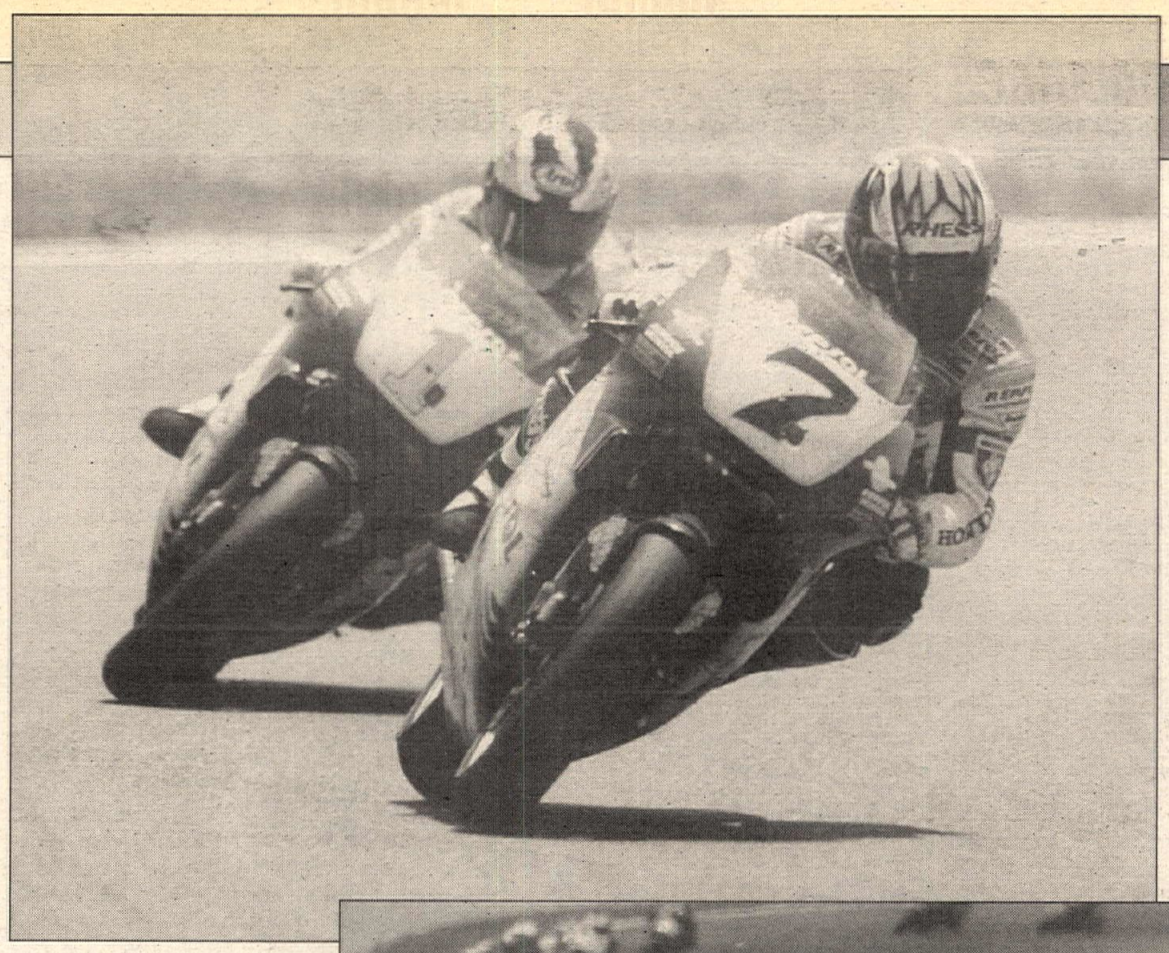
Okada was happy enough just to be third. "I'm still learning how to ride the V-four," he said.

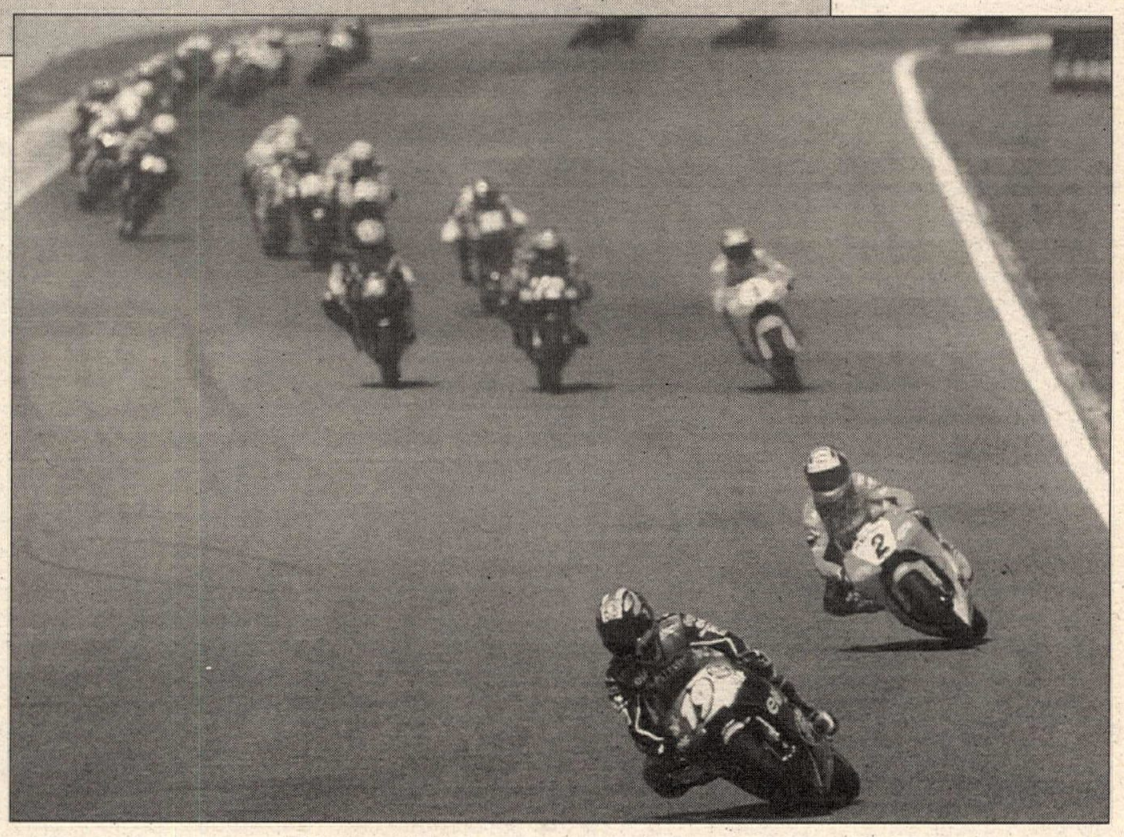
A long way back came the fourth member of the Repsol team, Takuma Aoki, who had pushed his V-twin past his brother Nobuatsu's V-four on lap 21, and finished some two seconds clear.

The others were fighting over sixth place, and the group had grown to four as the race wore on. Battling Rainey Yamaha teammates Sete Gibernau and Norifumi Abe - the former passing the more experienced Japanese rider, who was having a scary time trying not to lose the front wheel, and then both of them catching Alex Barros's V-twin Honda for a good scrap.

Meanwhile, the returning Romboni was charging through on the new bigger Aprilia V-twin in his first race for some nine months after breaking his right wrist badly. He'd finished the first lap in 19th, and meant to treat it all as a test session, "but the bike was going so well I thought I'd make a race of it." And how. He was surging through the field and caught this group with five laps left. He made short work of getting to the front of it, and stayed there to the end, with Abe, Barros and Gibernau right up behind.

Regis Laconi impressed again, starting well, then gradually dropping back. But he did fend off Luca Cadalora's Yamaha to finish 10th, ahead by three seconds. Later, Cadalora said he'd ridden the whole race without a rear brake.





(Left) Okada holds off Doohan. The Repsol Honda teammates battled for most of the race with Doohan eventually getting the nod over the Japanese rider. (Below) Olivier Jacque (19) tries to make a break early in the 250cc GP. He is being chased down by eventual winner Ralf Waldmann (2).

Beattie dropped off the back of this group to finish an unhappy 12th, still getting to grips with the task on a bike he doesn't much like. Bayle had been ahead of him on the Modenas, but dropped back to within one second of Jurgen van den Goorbergh; Kirk McCarthy took the last point. There were three more finishers: Jurgen Fuchs, Lucio Pedercini, Kenny Roberts Jr. and Laurent Naveau, Roberts giving Modenas their first two-bike finish.

There were several crashers. Peter Goddard was the first. Starting from way back he was trying too hard to make up time and fell heavily on the second lap, banging his head but without serious damage. Corser fell later on the same lap, losing the battle of stopping the front wheel from tucking under. Puig also fell after eight laps, trying to escape from the second group to challenge the leaders.

The points gap closed up to just five - Doohan on 70, Criville on 65, miles ahead of Okada and Nobuatsu Aoki on 38 apiece, with Takuma Aoki on 37.

Criville earned the satisfaction of his home win with a fine ride. But he wasn't tested. The story is not over yet.

250cc GRAND PRIX

Once again, the promise of revived close 250cc racing (Japanese wild cards notwithstanding) was not fulfilled. It was a procession. The reasons were clear - a couple of early incidents that cut a swath through the front-runners.

The first happened in the first corner, as Olivier Jacque led Waldmann and the pack. Just behind them Ukawa swerved tight on the exit, straight across Capirossi. The pair collided and both fell, and though the Japanese rider continued, Capirossi did not.

Then on the second lap, after Biaggi had moved into third past Harada, he was knocked flying by his Japanese rival, apparently unwilling to be overtaken. He took to the gravel, and though he managed to stay aboard, he was way down in 22nd when he rejoined.

Jacque was full of painkillers and mesotherapy, but couldn't stay with Waldmann when the German went past on the third lap. The reason was a rear tire that was way too hard - the reason rather embarrassing for Dunlop. He'd made a good choice, but the rubber supplied was wrongly numbered, and he didn't get the compound he expected.

Thus the German had an easy ride to a relatively easy first win of the year.

Harada had not come out of his collision unscathed. An exhaust was damaged, and he dropped right back to seventh as he assessed the problem. He was down on power, but managed to move back through steadily, catching the sliding Jacque just before half-distance to secure a lucky second place.

Meanwhile, Biaggi was charging through. On lap 13 he caught a gang of three disputing fourth place and moved straight through. Takeshi Tsujimura and Aoki came with him as he caught Jacque, and both also passed the Frenchman in the closing stages. Stefano Perugini was left slightly behind, but he too passed the Honda rider to take sixth.

On the last lap, Jacque lost even more ground, and only just held on to seventh from Suzuki rider Noriyasu Numata, who had outpaced fast-starting Jeremy McWilliams on the QUB Honda in the closing stages.

Ukawa had fought his way back up to seventh before retiring with two laps left with engine problems - possibly caused by his first-lap crash.

Migliorati and Porto were among several crashers; Kurtis Roberts did not finish the first lap after a fuel breather blocked.

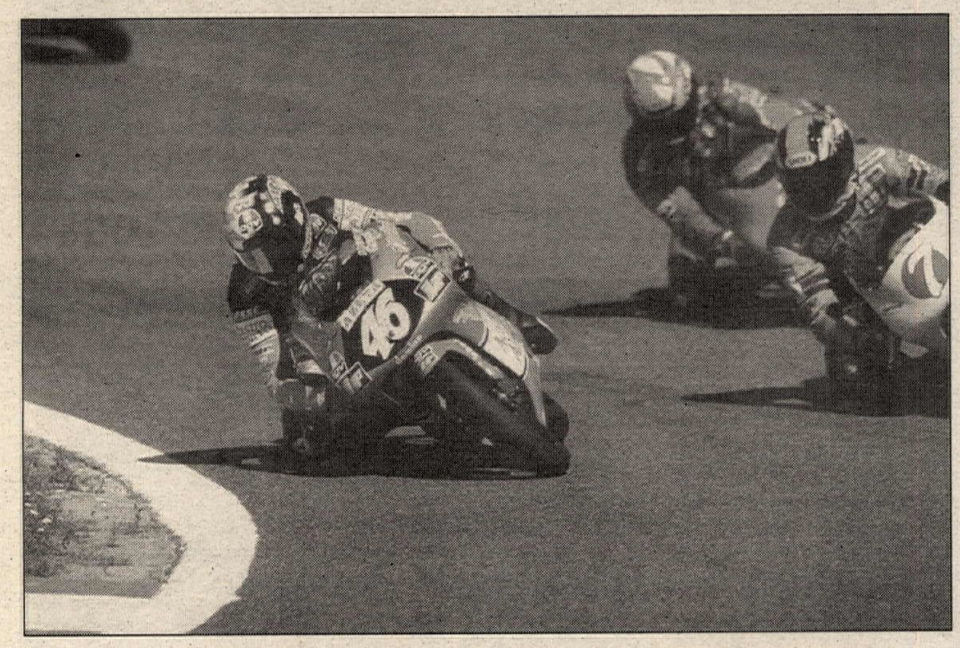
Harada hasn't won a race yet this season, but maintained his championship lead, 56 points to Biaggi's 50. Waldmann has 49, Ukawa and Aoki are tied on 30.

125cc GRAND PRIX

Airtel Aprilia's Jorge Martinez was a

Round 3: Spanish Grand Prix

(Left) Much to the delight of the Spanish crowd, Jorge Martinez led the 125cc Grand Prix. Masaki Tokudome (2) and the rest of the pack gives chase. (Below left) The 125cc GP win ultimately went to phenom Valentino Rossi (46).



massively popular pole starter, and the vast crowd was in ecstasy as he led off the line, fighting off an early challenge from Masaki Tokudome's Docshop Aprilia to make the early running.

But he was in for a torrid race, as first Noboru Ueda's notably fast Pileri Honda took over the lead, with Tokudome and UGT Honda's Tomomi Manako. Meanwhile 18-year-old Valentino Rossi was charging through - 15th on the first lap, but giving a display of youthful aggression as he carved through the field.

Rossi joined the leaders on lap nine, and sliced through to take to the front two laps later. The rest stayed with him, Martinez, Ueda and (briefly) Manako all led at various points, preparing for a last-lap showdown.

By the finish, Tokudome and Manako had slipped back slightly, but the other three were locked together. It was Rossi who fought the hardest, far enough ahead into the final hairpin to defend his lead, with Ueda and Martinez packed up behind.

German veteran Peter Oettl prevailed over his group to put his UGT Aprilia sixth, comfortably clear at the finish of the similar bike of Kazuto Sakata.

Hard-luck story of the race came from Australian charger Garry McCoy, who'd qualified second. He started with the leaders but was soon dropping back to retire. "My engine was coughing its guts up," was his graphic description.

Rossi's win, after he had crashed out of the lead of the Japanese GP, moves him to second overall, with Ueda leading the points on 61, Rossi on 50, then Sakata (49), Martinez (37) and Tokudome (27). CN

Circuit de Jerez
Jerez, Spain
Results: May 4, 1997 (Round 3 of 15)

125 QUALIFYING: 1. Jorge Martinez (1:49.582); 2. Garry McCoy (1:49.842); 3. Masaki Tokudome (1:49.870); 4. Noboru Ueda (1:49.946); 5. Youichi Ui (1:50.079); 6. Valentino Rossi (1:50.424); 7. Lucio Cecchinello (1:50.445); 8. Peter Oettl (1:50.476); 9. Yoshiaki Katoh (1:50.589); 10. Kazuto Sakata (1:50.597); 11. Tomomi Manako (1:50.673); 12. Frederic Petit (1:50.728); 13. Gianluigi Scalvini (1:50.792); 14. Jaroslav Hules (1:50.957); 15. Masao Azuma (1:51.120); 16. Mirko Giansanti (1:51.298); 17. Ivan Goi (1:51.325); 18. Roberto Locatelli (1:51.368); 19. Dirk Raudies (1:51.387); 20. Josep Sarda (1:51.521); 21. Jaun Enrique Maturana (1:51.642); 22. Manfred Geissler (1:51.828); 23. Steve Jenkner (1:51.954); 24. A. Gonzalez (1:52.320); 25. Gino Borsoi (1:52.754); 26. Angel Nieto Jr. (1:52.758); 27. A. Molina (1:53.085); 28. V. Esparragoso (1:53.089); 29. J. Ramirez (1:53.171); 30. D. Garcia (1:53.219); 31. J. Vidal (1:53.564).

125 GRAND PRIX: 1. Valentino Rossi (Apr); 2. Noboru Ueda (Hon); 3. Jorge Martinez (Apr); 4. Masaki Tokudome (Apr); 5. Tomomi Manako (Hon); 6. Peter Oettl (Apr); 7. Kazuto Sakada (Apr); 8. Roberto Locatelli (Hon); 9. Masao Azuma (Hon); 10. Yoshiaki Katoh (Yam); 11. Ivan Goi (Apr); 12. Mirko Giansanti (Hon); 13. Frederic Petit (Hon); 14. Jaroslav Hules (Hon); 15. Lucio Checchinello (Hon); 16. A. Gonzalez (Apr); 17. Manfred Geissler (Hon); 18. Steve Jenkner (Apr); 19. Jaun Enrique Maturana (Yam); 20. Dirk Raudies (Hon); 21. Gianluigi Scalvani (Hon); 22. Youichi Ui (Yam); 23. Gino Borsoi (Yam); 24. Angel Nieto Jr. (Apr); 25. V. Esparragoso (Yam); 26. Josep Sarda (Hon); 27. J. Vidal (Apr); 28. Garry McCoy (Apr); 29. J. Ramirez (Yam); 30. A. Molina (Hon).
Time: 42 min., 30.676 sec.
Distance: 23 laps, 63.07 miles.
Average speed: 89.018 mph.
Margin of victory: 0.358 sec.
125cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STANDINGS (After 3 of 15 rounds): 1. Noburo Ueda (56/1 win); 2. Valentino Rossi (50/1); 3. Kazuto Sakata (49/1); 4. Jorge Martinez (37); 5. Masaki Tokudome (27); 6. (TIE) Masao Azuma/Tomomi Manako (24); 8. Yoshiaki Katoh (24); 9. Mirko Giansanti (17); 10 (TIE) Frederic Petit/Hideyuki Nakajo (16); 12. Roberto Locatelli (13); 13. (TIE) Peter Oettl/Ivan Goi (10); 15. Garry McCoy (9); 16. K. Takao (8); 17. (TIE) Gianluigi Scalvani/Lucio Cecchinello/Jaroslav Hules (7); 20. Dirk Raudies (20).

250 QUALIFYING: 1. Ralf Waldmann (1:44.770); 2. Tetsuya Harada (1:44.895); 3. Loris Capirossi (1:44.944); 4. Max Biaggi (1:45.408); 5. Tohru Ukawa (1:45.734); 6. Olivier Jacque (1:45.809); 7. Stefano Perugini (1:46.100); 8. Takeshi Tsujimura (1:48.118); 9. Naoki Numata (1:46.526); 10. Haruchika Aoki (1:46.771); 11. Luis d'Antin (1:46.855); 12. Jeremy McWilliams (1:46.920); 13. Sebastian Porto (1:46.956); 14. Cristiano Migliorati (1:46.992); 15. Olivier Petrucciani (1:47.122); 16. Jose Luis Cardoso (1:47.147); 17. Jamie Robinson (1:47.343); 18. Luca Boscuroso (1:47.442); 19. Franco Battaini (1:47.367); 20. Kurtis Roberts (1:47.675); 21. Osamu Miyazaki (1:47.745); 22. O. Sainz (1:47.809); 23. William Costes (1:48.450); 24. J. Marsella (1:48.513); 25. I. Gavira (1:49.645); 26. Eustaquio Gavira (1:50.116). 27. G. Fiorillo (1:50.569); 28. I. Bonilla (1:50.884); 29. J. Perez G. (1:51.603). 30. S. Martin (1:51.668).

250 GRAND PRIX: 1. Ralf Waldmann (Hon); 2. Tetsuya Harada (Apr); 3. Max Biaggi (Hon); 4. Takeshi Tsujimura (Hon); 5. Haruchika Aoki (Hon); 6. Stefano Perugini (Apr); 7. Olivier Jacque (Hon); 8. Naoki Numata (Suz); 9. Jeremy McWilliams (Hon); 10. Jose Luis Cardoso (Yam); 11. Luis d'Antin (Yam); 12. Osamu Miyzaki (Yam); 13. Olivier Petrucciani (Apr); 14. Franco Battaini (Yam); 15. Luca Boscuroso (Hon); 16. Jamie Robinson (Suz); 17. Eustaquio Gaviro (Apr); 18. O. Sainz (Apr); 19. William Costes (Hon); 20. Cristiano Migliorati (Hon); 21. Sebastian Porto (Apr); 22. S. Martin (Apr); 23. G. Fiorillo (Apr); 24. I. Gavira (Apr); 25. J. Perez G. (Hon); 26. I. Bonilla (Hon); 27. Tohru Ukawa (Hon).
Time: 46 min., 3.640 sec.
Distance: 26 laps,
Average speed: 92.875 mph.
Margin of victory: 12.724 sec.
250cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STAND-

Okada stays perfect

It was more than just business as usual at Jerez, with the same four riders on the front row as at the previous races this year, and in almost the same order.

Okada moved into his third successive pole in his first year as a V-four rider in the final session, but modestly admitted he'd only been able to do it following Alex Criville.

"I try to follow him or Mick (Doohan), because I still have a lot to learn," he said, adding that while he hoped he would get a strong start to lead from the line, as at the last two races, but that he didn't expect to maintain his speed all race long.

That would be left to Michael Doohan, who had been fastest until then, on consistent times, while working on tire choice and endurance testing. There had been no problems with the Screamer 180-degree engine.

"We don't even think of it as being that different now," he said. But a general lack of grip at this sometimes quirky track did mean that tire wear wasn't much of a problem.

Crashing, however, was, one victim being Criville on Friday, lucky to emerge unhurt after tumbling at the circuit's first fast left-hander. "I had a scare there the lap before. I think it was the wind getting under the bike," he said.

As always, Criville was outwardly calm under the huge pressure of being the biggest Spanish star at the Spanish GP. He almost won it last year, and blamed a track invasion from fans for spoiling his last lap.

"I hope they can stay under control this year," he said.

Most expected a showdown between him and Doohan, but there were other factors - not so much the impressive fast-learner Nobuatsu Aoki, fourth on the grid; but the two other Spaniards. Alberto Puig qualified fifth to lead row two, but he had been fastest in timed practice on Friday, and had earlier said: "If I don't win here, I will think about retiring." The other was his teammate Carlos Checa, who set a fastest-ever Jerez lap in "untimed" Friday practice. Although he was six tenths down on pole, on a track as variable as this it would surely not mean much for the race.

Six Hondas led the grid, all V-fours; Luca Cadalora's Yamaha was seventh, within hundredths of Checa and as serious a threat as any different type of bike could pose. Then came the first of the V-twins: Takuma Aoki narrowly at the front of a group of four twins in his first visit to the track.

Regis Laconi was next-best on his private Honda, leading row three from the returned Doriano Romboni's Aprilia - a good performance after a long absence injured. Romboni also crashed during practice, but said later: "I'm glad to get the first crash of the year out of the way."

Then came Jurgen van den Goorbergh, reveling in his V-twin Honda's agility around the looping circuit, then Alex Barros on his identical bike.

This put 10 Hondas in the top 12, while the first nine qualifiers were within the same second.

Juan Borja's Elf led row four from Jean-Michel Bayle's Modenas, with Set Gibernau next on the second-best Yamaha, the class novice outqualifying Norifumi Abe for 15th place - a lowly position, if you don't take the extraordinarily competitive nature of this season into account.

Daryl Beattie, however, should have been better than 17th. He was still struggling to regain his old form, looking tentative in the corners even though the Suzuki was second-fastest on the main straight. Then came Troy Corser, also finding unexpected difficulty in switching to a GP bike after his superbike title. He was another crash victim, and never did find out how to get the front wheel to grip.

Kenny Roberts Jr. was an off-form 22nd with Peter Goddard's Suzuki one place lower after a crash spoiled his second practice. There were 25 qualifiers.

The heat came on at the end of the final 250cc session, with times getting faster and faster. Friday's leader Loris Capirossi was on top with a still-better time, but Ralf Waldmann - now recovered from the hand injuries of the first two races - was next on the list, not just close but with an identical lap, down to the nearest thousandth of a second.

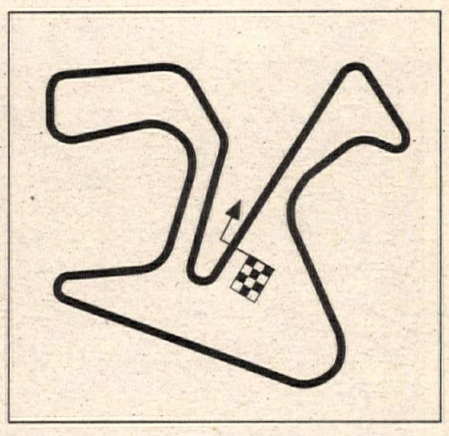
At the last gasp Waldie pulled out another couple of tenths to make sure of pole, while Tetsuya Harada also nosed ahead of his teammate. Less than two-tenths covered the first three. Exciting stuff.

No less so the fact that Max Biaggi bounced back from a high-speed Friday crash ("I landed on my other shoulder, not the damaged one.") to move into fourth. His threat is ever-present in spite of his obviously stiff and painful left shoulder, especially since "I went through practice without painkillers or special treatment. For the race I will have the injections."

He was seven-tenths down, however, with the field rather stretched. Another three-tenths slower was Tohru Ukawa, after engine trouble in the final session, then Olivier Jacque, riding in pain from his freshly broken collarbone. Stefano Perugini's Aprilia came next, with the very impressive works-kitted privateer Takeshi Tsujimura finishing the row.

(Hon); 23. Frederic Protat (Yam); 24. Alberto Puig (Hon).
Time: 47 min., 30.624 sec.
Distance: 27 laps, 74.04 miles.
Average Speed: 93.504 mph.
Margin of victory: 5.636 sec.
500cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS STANDINGS (After 3 of 15 rounds): 1. Michael Doohan (70/2 wins); 2. Alex Criville (65/1); 3. (TIE) Tadayuki Okada/Nobuatsu Aoki (38); 5. Takumi Aoki (37); 6. Norifumi Abe (26); 7. Luca Cadalora (23); 8. Carlos Checa (20); 9. Alex Barros (19); 10. Alberto Puig (17); 11. (TIE) Sete Giberneau/Regis Laconi (14); 13. Doriano Romboni (10); 14. Norihiko Fujiwara (7); 15. Jean-Michel Bayle (5); 16. (TIE) Daryl Beattie/Jurgen van der Goorbergh (4); 18. (TIE) Troy Corser/Peter Goddard (3); 20. Juan Borja (2).

Upcoming rounds:
Round 4 - Mugello, Italy
Round 5 - A1-Ring, Austria



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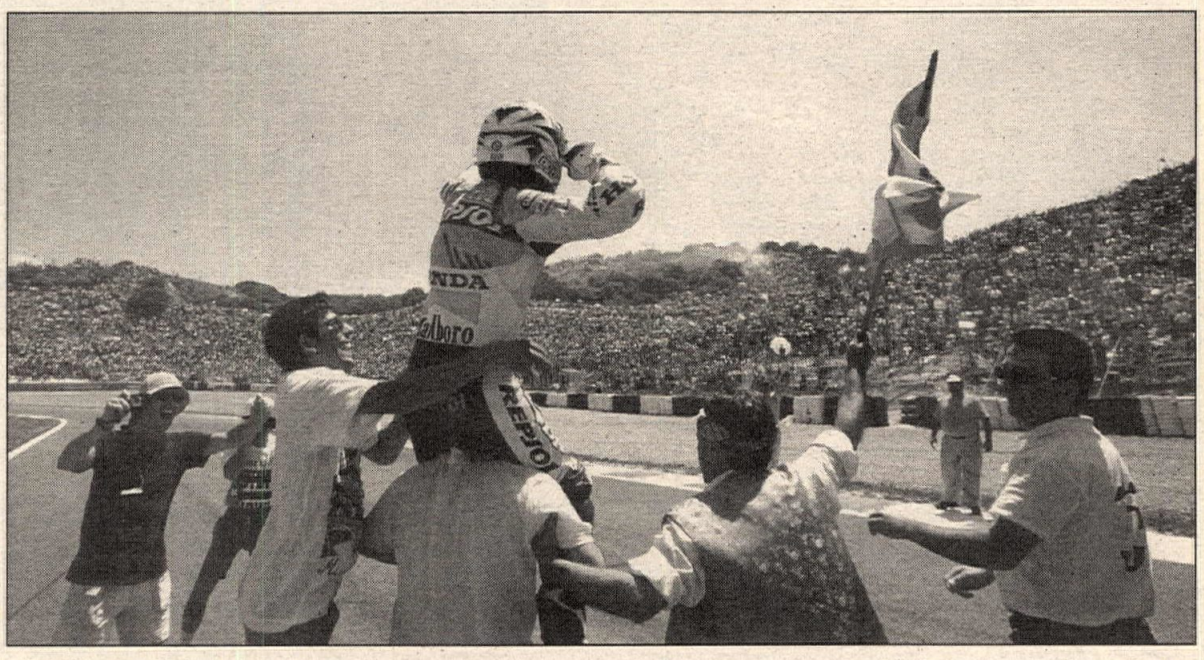
500 QUALIFYING: 1. Tadayuki Okada (1:43.403); 2. Michael Doohan (1:43.560); 3. Alex Criville (1:43.712); 4. Nobuatsu Aoki (1:43.874); 5. Alberto Puig (1:43.890); 6. Carlos Checa (1:44.054); 7. Luca Cadalora (1:44.068); 8. Takuma Aoki (1:44.127); 9. Regis Laconi (1:44.250); 10. Doriano Romboni (1:44.578); 11. Jurgen van der Goorbergh (1:44.582); 12. Alex Barros (1:44.901); 13. Juan Borja (1:44.901); 14. Jean-Michel Bayle (1:45.132); 15. Norifumi Abe (1:45.600); 16. Daryl Beattie (1:45.620); 17. Sete Giberneau (1:45.754); 18. Troy Corser (1:46.194); 19. Kirk McCarthy (1:46.475); 20. Jurgen Fuchs (1:46.570); 21. Lucio Pedercini (1:46.752); 22. Kenny Roberts Jr. (1:46.790); 23. Peter Goddard (1:47.295); 24. Laurent Naveau (1:47.652).

500 GRAND PRIX: 1. Alex Criville (Hon); 2. Michael Doohan (Hon); 3. Tadayuki Okada (Hon); 4. Takuma Aoki (Hon); 5. Nobuatsu Aoki (Hon); 6. Doriano Romboni (Apr); 7. Norifumi Abe (Yam); 8. Alex Barros (Hon); 9. Sete Giberneau (Yam); 10. Regis Laconi (Hon); 11. Luca Cadalora (Yam); 12. Daryl Beattie (Suz); 13. Jean-Michel Bayle (Mod); 14. Jurgen van der Goorbergh (Hon); 15. Kirk McCarthy (Yam); 16. Jurgen Fuchs (Elf); 17. Lucio Pedercini (Yam); 18. Kenny Roberts Jr. (Mod); 19. Laurent Naveau (Yam); 20. Peter Goddard (Suz); 21. Troy Corser (Yam); 22. Carlos Checa

(Above) Ralf Waldmann jumps for joy after winning the 250cc Grand Prix. He is flanked by Tetsuya Harada (left) and Max Biaggi (right). (Right) The Spaniards celebrate with their hero, Alex Criville.



Briefly...

American millionaire entrant **Bob MacLean** has taken over the troubled Power Horse Yamaha team - but the bikes of Luca Cadalora and Troy Corser ran in the old Promotor/Power Horse colors in Spain because the deal was struck only in the week after the Japanese GP. MacLean, a long-standing racing benefactor, has taken over the team as a going concern, after founder Alfred Inzinger ran into financial problems after failing to secure expected sponsorship from Marlboro. However, MacLean has not taken over Promotor, Inzinger's debt-laden company which ran the victorious World Superbike team last year. It is understood that Yamaha has waived the lease fee for the machines - a second financial knock for the company, after they took over the backing of Wayne Rainey's Yamaha team when Marlboro pulled out of sponsoring them in January. The team will run under the WCM (World Championship Motorsports) banner, with the existing WCM team - running Kirk McCarthy on an aging ROC Yamaha - continuing as a separate entity. Journalist and TV commentator Peter Clifford, who manages the existing WCM team, is to be race director of the new works squad. Corser is still owed money from his superbike season last year, with Ducati among other long-standing Promotor creditors.

Daryl Beattie's back-to-the-future **Suzuki** exercise continued at Jerez - with the Australian riding the same chassis on which he won the German GP in 1995. The team only discovered that when they cross-referenced chassis numbers - the '95 and '96 chassis were identical in specification, and the bike is fitted with the all-new XR87 1997 motor. It is a different bike from what he rode in Japan two weeks ago - although effectively the same. That machine was the development mule used in preseason testing as a halfway-house hybrid. "The new motor is a bit lighter than the old one, which makes it feel a little different, but the power is basically the same as the old engine," Beattie said. Beattie is struggling to regain the momentum that put him second in the world in 1995. A series of crashes in 1996 meant he missed more than half the season, with persistent inner-ear injuries, but his return this year was marred by bike problems. "I really want to get some race miles up," he said, now apparently resigned to the fact that he won't be up front of the races for a while at least. "At the moment we're just trying to get the bike comfortable for me so I can match the lap times I did on it before. When we've done that we can start making bigger changes to try and improve it." Beattie had also switched to Brembo brakes after problems with the AP brakes forced an early retirement from the Japanese GP.

Peter Goddard rode the second Lucky Strike Suzuki for a second successive race, concentrating on the all-new XR87 to try and iron out teething troubles with the high-speed handling. Goddard's second ride came as the mystery surrounding Anthony Gobert's racing future deepened. Officially, the Australian wild child was being "rested" back in Australia, and a carefully worded statement read: "At the moment, the team expects he will be back on the bike for the following GP at Mugello." However, there were rumors that he will be fired shortly after a number of reported contract infringements, while other rumors spoke of threatened legal action from the Gobert family unless he was promptly reinstated. Goddard is with the team on a race-by-race basis. "I'm available to do the whole season, and I'd love to do it, but there's no arrangement in place," he said.

Mick Doohan's stepfather **Ken Johnstone** was admitted to a hospital in Spain with suspected heart problems on the day before practice began, causing Doohan to miss a press conference laid on by his Spanish sponsors Repsol. Happily Ken, who drives Mick's motorhome, was discharged after two nights.

With his three-cylinder Modenas still far from fully developed, **Kenny Roberts** announced that he may build a **four-cylinder** machine in the future. "At the moment, the V-four Hondas have the highest corner speed in the class," he told a surprised press conference. "We'd expected to be faster through the corners with the triple - and our computer readouts show that Jean-Michel Bayle is going through some corners 10kph (6mph) faster than last year on the Yamaha. But obviously Honda has made a leap," he said. "If beating Honda means that we have to build a V-four, then that's what we'll do."

The **Modenas** started the meeting well, with Jean-Michel Bayle fifth-fastest at one point on the first day of practice - but as the pace picked up they dropped back. With new, better crankshafts arriving for this race, along with a lightweight magnesium water pump and new cylinders, the Modenas was a step further along the development road than at the first two races, Roberts said. Bayle added, "This is the first race where we have been playing with different chassis settings." But an overheating problem was cutting power, and they were the slowest of the 500s on the straight, 12.4 mph down on the top Honda. "We're working through the problems step by step," said Roberts. "There seems to be a flow problem to the rear-mounted radiator. I can't say how long it will take to fix, but by the middle of the season at Assen you should see a very different machine. We need to test." The team was staying on in Spain after the GP to put miles on the bike at Jerez, and Roberts also hoped to have an off-track test team soon. "Randy (Mamola) would be our first choice to ride it when we're looking for speed testing, but at the moment we're testing more for endurance and reliability," he said.

Disgruntled Honda 250cc riders **Ralf Waldmann** and **Olivier Jacque** have now both received their Mk2 versions of the NSR chassis already supplied to Max Biaggi -but the German kept his in the back of the truck, preferring to wait until he has tested it at the A1-Ring in Austria next week. Jacque had both old and new bikes in his pit, but riding below par with a freshly plated broken collarbone, he was not ready to express a verdict.

The **Elf V-four** had a garageful of new parts at Jerez, including lightweight magnesium crankcases and new cylinders - but the most significant were redesigned carburetors with a revised linkage to improve off-throttle pickup. "We're working on flow speeds to avoid a jerky response," said team boss Serge Rosset. "We aren't actually using the new crankcases yet, though."

The new **Clinica Mobile** made its debut at Jerez. The mobile hospital which attends all the European GPs has been upsized and updated for 1997, with the old unit pensioned off after nine years of service. The latest trailer, which expands sideways when parked, now has two physiotherapy beds, full laser equipment, a two-bed operating theater/resuscitation room and a lead-lined X-ray room.

Also upsized - **Aprilia's 500cc-class V-twin**, which has grown from 430cc to 460cc, with the gain of 8 hp but without the loss of any revvability, according to designer Jan Witteveen. The Dutch designer originally chose the smaller capacity to maintain the rev characteristics of the firm's successful 250.

The database in **Dorna's site on the World Wide Web** has been expanded and updated to include full GP results from the start of the World Championship series in 1949. The database now includes results and championship points from all solo classes from then to date, plus other details for the extant 125/250/500cc classes including fastest laps from 1974, and race averages. Access to the website is via http://www.dorna.com.

Aprilia racing boss Carlo Pernat is now trying to defuse a simmering row between the factory team and their ex-rider **Max Biaggi**. One point of dispute had concerned the use of Ferrari Engineering carbon-fiber wheels and suspension parts. Aprilia thought they had an exclusive contract with the firm, but Biaggi had made personal approaches, and showed up with the lightweight wheels on his Honda. Aprilia were outraged, leading among other things to their protest against Biaggi's start-line delay in Malaysia - but now factory boss Ivan Beggio has told the racing team to calm things down. "In any case," Pernat said, "We have Valentino Rossi coming up in Max's place. He's very popular in Italy, and we hope to put him on a 250 next year." Others to use carbon-fiber wheels include Irish 250cc privateer Jeremy McWilliams on the QUB Honda, works Honda 250cc rider Olivier Jacque (front only) and Ralf Waldmann. Honda is known to dislike the material after one wheel broke on Freddie Spencer's bike in practice for the 1984 South African GP, ruining his first defending season.

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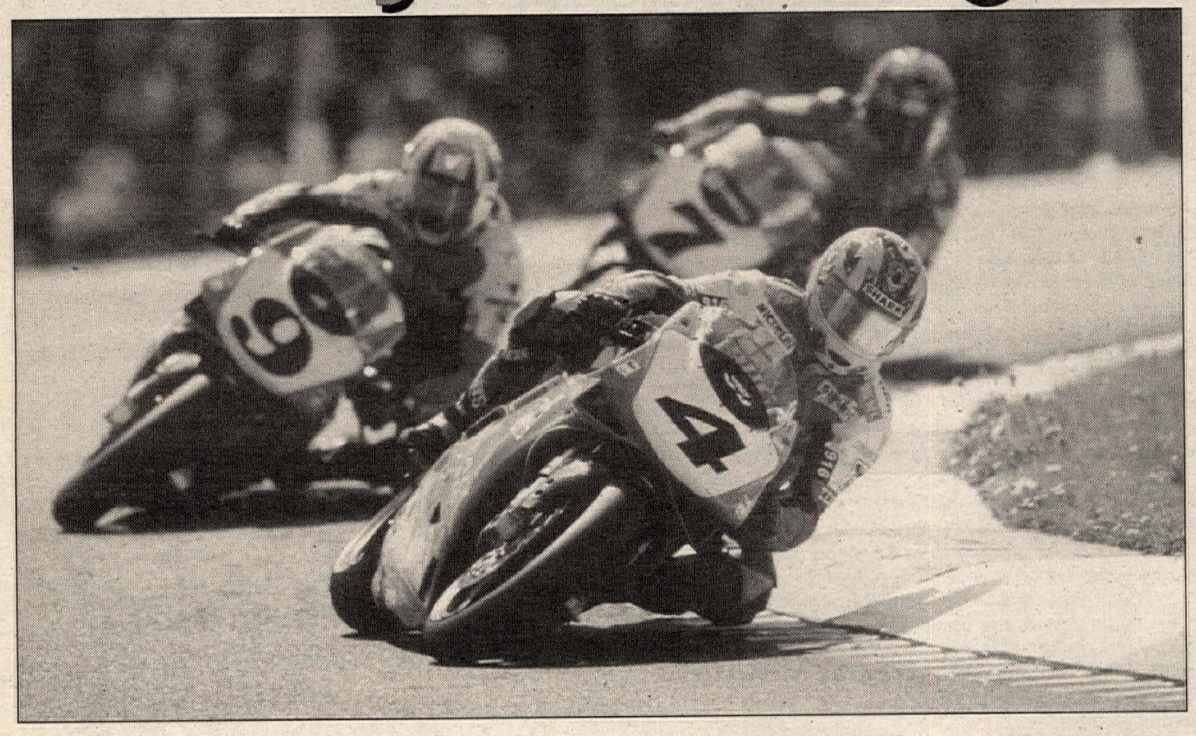

(Above) Round three of the World Superbike Championship gets under way in Donington Park. (Left) Carl Fogarty (4) leads teammate Neil Hodgson (9) and Italian Ducati rider Pier-Francesco Chili in race one.

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DONINGTON PARK, GREAT BRITAIN, MAY 4

For the first time this year, the rain tires stayed in the trucks on race day, despite a small shower on Sunday morning. And with the new weather came a new points leader. Blackburn's own Carl Fogarty is back on top of the points heap after a long hiatus, the Briton riding to second place in race one after leading most of the way, then returning a few hours later to take a record 40th World Superbike victory and secure his new lead in the championship.

Castrol Honda's Aaron Slight and Ducati's Pier-Francesco Chili were both in the fight for the lead in each race, with Slight getting the better pair of finishes of the two as he rode to victory in race one after a late-race pass on leader Fogarty, then landed the final rostrum position in race two.

While Chili's race-two result - second behind Fogarty - was something to be happy about, his race-one result more accurately reflected how the Italian's season has gone thus far: He crashed while running in the top five and did not finish.

The Kawasaki camp continues to impress, even in the absence of Akira Yanagawa, who did not race as a result of a crash during practice. The Kawasaki teamster who did make it to the start line, Simon Crafar, once again impressed as he rode to third in race one and only missed making the podium in the second race to finish fourth.

After struggling at the last round in the wet, Yamaha's American team of Colin Edwards II and Scott Russell had their troubles in the dry as well. Edwards fared the better of the two as he rode to fifth- and sixth-place finishes, leading Russell across the line both times.

In stark contrast to his Castrol Honda teammate's success at the technical English circuit, John Kocinski struggled during both races, his best result a fifth in the second race, that coming after a race-one 10th.

Fogarty's pair of podium finishes puts him in the driver's seat in the championship as he now holds the lead with 110 points. Slight leapfrogged past teammate Kocinski for second and leads the Arkansas native, 99-96. Crafar is now fourth with 81, while Edwards is fifth, with 59.

RACE ONE

Only some 20,000 spectators had shown up at Donington Park, most of whom were hoping to see Fogarty storm to victory in his home race as well as perhaps to witness national favorite James Whitham lead the Suzuki squad out of its ongoing problems.

Fogarty at least did not let them down. The Ducati Corse rider took the point position right from the start and led his teammate Neil Hodgson, Chili, Edwards, Crafar, Piergiorgio Bontempi, Slight and Russell at the end of the first lap.

After some four laps a clear pattern was emerging with the three Ducatis building a small lead over the rest, and for the first time this season it looked as though the V-twins might monopolize the rostrum positions. They wouldn't.

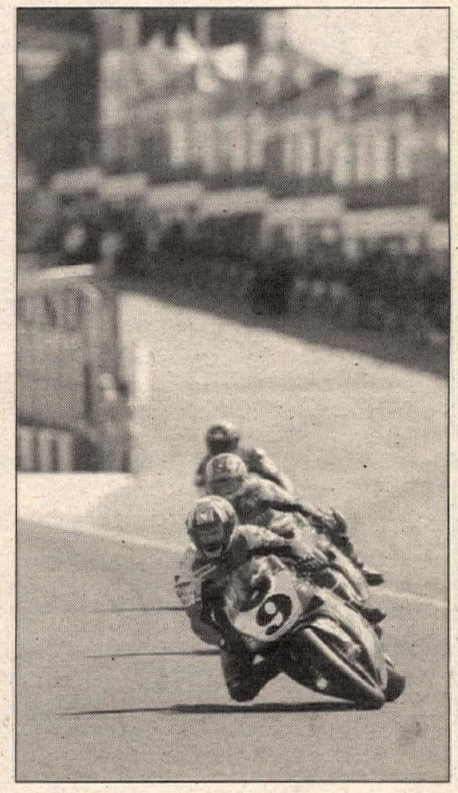
Ten laps into the 25-lap race, Fogarty was still leading Hodgson and Chili, but as an indication of things to come, Slight was making his way up through the field after his somewhat slow start, while Bontempi was traveling in the opposite direction to ultimately finish 11th. The Kawasaki of Crafar, meanwhile, had settled in between Yamaha teammates Edwards and Russell.

A few laps later, Slight made his way past Edwards for fifth, Crafar soon followed, and they left the Texan to fight it out with his Georgian teammate for sixth.

Deep in the pack and well off the pace, points leader Kocinski had struggled his way through a group battling for ninth consisting of James Whitham, Bontempi and John Reynolds, but was pointing furiously at his rear tire every time he passed his crew in the pits.

Up front, the now-fourth-place Slight began feeling pressure from a trailing Crafar and decided to start his attack on the lead trio. With seven laps remaining in the race, the Castrol Honda rider passed third-place Chili under braking at the chicane at the end of the long straight, then did the same thing with Hodgson one lap later. On the next lap and with only five more to go, the charging Kiwi stole the lead from Fogarty in exactly the same spot and with the same technique.

(Left) Castrol Honda's Aaron Slight (2) scored two podium finishes in England, beating Carl Fogarty (4) to the line in his race-one victory. (Above) Fogarty leads race-one crasher Pier-Francesco Chili and Slight. Fogarty won race two and took the lead in the championship. (Right) Neil Hodgson (9) finished fourth and ninth.



Just as Slight's fortunes took a turn for the better, Chili's could hardly have gotten worse as the always quick Italian took an off-track excursion in one of the faster corners at the back of the circuit. He would not finish.

Crafar left Edwards and Russell behind and made up a lot of ground in the closing stages of the race to finally catch Hodgson, stealing the last rostrum position from the British rider one lap from the end.

At the finish, Slight took the win in one of the hardest-fought races of the season thus far.

"Braking was everything in this race," the New Zealander said. "While I was fourth, I knew I could pass the Ducatis but I hadn't decided when to make the first move. Simon Crafar made my mind up. When he started catching me and was within three seconds I decided to head for the front."

Fogarty might have been beaten in the closing stages of the race in front of his home crowd, but he was at least the man with the best story.

"Actually, due to some misunderstanding I got out on the slower spare bike for this race," the former World Champion explained. "It was only when I was out on the track that the bike felt so slow. Aaron storming past me with five more laps to go didn't really help either. But I finally seem to have adapted to the Ducati. Telemetry had shown that I ride the bike still a bit too much like a Honda, revving a lot and braking hard for the corners and then slowly easing the bike through the corner. With a Ducati, however, cornering speed and profiting from the available torque is essential. Funny how you can forget such a good habit."

Crafar finished third after what had appeared to be a very strong late-race charge but it was simply a reflection of his consistency, despite not having come completely to terms with his machine.

"Actually, I haven't felt comfortable on the bike during the whole weekend," Crafar said. "Actually, we had only two Dunlop tires to choose from for the race: a soft one and a hard one. Everybody chose the hard one, well aware that things were not going to be very easy in the first race half. Things went exactly as expected, and I was able to catch up with the top guys who started to struggle more and more with their tires, whereas my lap times stayed pretty stable."

Yamaha teammates Edwards and Russell, fifth and sixth, respectively, both struggled with the same tire problems, though Edwards thought he may have had a better result if it hadn't been for the backmarkers that allowed Crafar to pass him and get away.

"I was coming into the chicane with a couple of backmarkers in front of me around lap 14," Edwards said. "I couldn't barge my way through so I had to tuck in behind them and as I was slowing going in, Crafar got me coming out. Then I was on my own again, but we'll get them next race, no problem."

Teammate Russell was disappointed with his sixth-place finish.

"I had to run around on my own, and that is frustrating because us top eight were all doing the same times," Russell said. "I tried to stay smooth. When I win, it'll be fun but not until then. We're getting there but sixth place ain't no way near good enough."

Kocinski finally had to settle for a disappointing 10th place after having struggled for rear-wheel traction from the fourth lap onward.

"I do have a problem with getting some feel from the rear tire," Kocinski said. "I just hope we can make some improvements for race two today."

Mike Hale took the final point, finishing 15th.

RACE TWO

Kocinski's choice to use the same tires that his teammate had used to win the first race appeared to pay off right from the start as the Castrol Honda rider grabbed holeshot and led the pack, albeit for only a short time. In the esses, Chili got past him and started to pull away slightly, with Fogarty soon past as well and in hot pursuit of the flying Italian.

On the fourth lap Fogarty dived inside Chili to steal the lead and though the former World Champion looked as though he was in charge, he couldn't shake Chili, who even managed to get back in front on lap 10. Slight was following at a "safe" distance behind in third. Kocinski was running fourth, with Crafar once again starting to get into the groove and slowly getting closer to the Castrol Honda rider after having shaken off both Edwards and Russell, the Texan once again clearly in front of his teammate Russell.

Hodgson had started dropping back and was soon coming under fire from Niall Mackenzie on the Yamaha.

For the next five laps nothing much changed at the front as Fogarty and Chili continued to fight it out for the lead. Crafar, however, caught Kocinski and began exerting a great deal of pressure on the Honda rider.

Foggy finally stole the lead back on lap 16, with Chili fading somewhat and soon coming under fire from Slight, who seemed bent on pulling the same trick he had a couple of hours earlier. At the same time, Crafar pushed Kocinski back a place.

With Fogarty now having created some breathing space between him and his two rivals, the Briton continued on to ultimately take the 40th World Superbike victory of his career.

"I thought this victory was never going to come," Fogarty said. "I had a very good start and moved from fourth to first in two laps' time. After I got in front I pushed really hard, but I couldn't get away. When Aaron closed down on us in the last couple of laps, I put my head down and finally managed to get a small lead which was enough to secure victory."

The battle for second was decided on the very last lap, when Chili got back

Hodgson gets his first

Qualifying once again offered its fair share of surprises, not the least of which was Neil Hodgson taking the first World Superbike pole of his career. It was also a fine result for Ducati, with the two Ferrari-run bikes having shown good promise after two somewhat disappointing turnouts at Phillip Island and Misano, not to mention Carl Fogarty having shown the way around the circuit on Saturday morning during the second free practice session and during most of the second (and final) qualifying session.

"Donington has always been one of my all-time favorite circuits," said Hodgson, who charged to the front with only 20 minutes to go. "I enjoyed racing here on a 125, later on bigger Grand Prix bikes and now is my chance to show here what I am capable of aboard a Ducati. It is also a nice revenge on fate, after I let everybody down last year when I crashed and broke my wrist during practice here, sidelining myself for the rest of the weekend."

Castrol Honda's Aaron Slight recorded the second-fastest time, after a long battle with his former teammate Fogarty and after both men had jointly held pole position with identical lap times before Hodgson got in front of them in the closing stages.

"I'm pretty happy about this result," the Kiwi said. "I feel confident after our testing here last week. I was pleased to equal my best time of that session today, and we had also been running in the rain, so I know what to expect when the forecast comes out tomorrow and the rain pours down again."

In the final minutes Fogarty was pushed down to third, with Pier-Francesco Chili filling the first row. The four fastest riders were only .126 of a second apart, with another six riders behind them finishing in the same second as pole-sitter Hodgson.

Despite the excellent performances, nobody got close to the 1:33.000 set by Troy Corser last year, which was a historical pole position as it was better than the 500cc lap record set by Kevin Schwantz. Corser's performance is now still unbeaten at the British circuit. No man on two wheels has gone faster than the Australian World Champion up to now.

Simon Crafar and Akira Yanagawa had not impressed as much as during the qualifying sessions as they had at other circuits this year, and even got into some trouble at the end of the second qualifying practice, with Crafar's Kawasaki grinding to a halt at the back of the circuit with only 15 minutes to go, while his teammate Akira Yanagawa crashed heavily at almost the same time. The Japanese rider lay on the tarmac unconscious for a couple of minutes and was then taken to the hospital (see Briefly...). Still, Crafar's performance netted him fifth on the grid.

Yanagawa ended up in eighth position on the provisional starting list, preceded by the Yamaha-mounted duo of Scott Russell and Colin Edwards II. Russell had stormed to provisional pole on Friday evening in the last minute of the first qualifying session, but was unable to keep that position the day after.

"My Yamaha doesn't like change - it seems to know where it's happy," Russell said. "I go off one way and it may not be right so I've got a lot to learn about how it works."

Edwards improved his Friday time by more than a second.

"Oh well, same place as last year," Edwards said. "But that was the most mucked up qualifying session I have ever been in. The last tire we put on was completely unscheduled and we only put it on because I was feeling good and felt I could go quicker. On my fastest lap I had it sideways going into the hairpin and then sideways again going into the next one, but then when I came out again I did not manage a better time because of Yanagawa's fall."

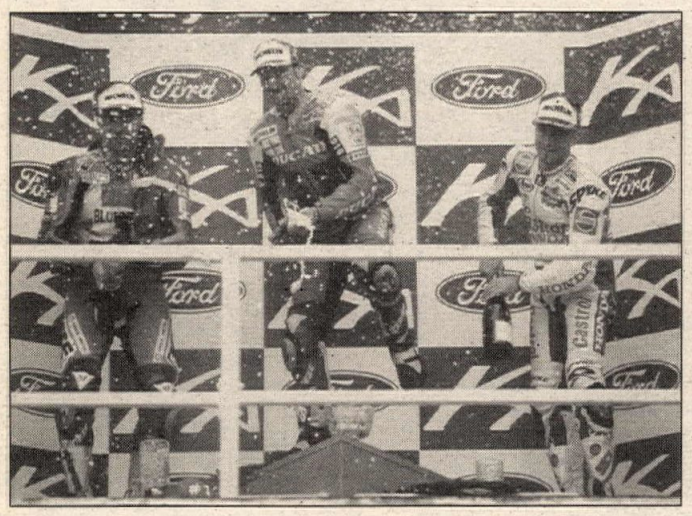
John Kocinski qualified ninth but was not a bit worried.

"It may not look good on paper, but on the track I am only seven-tenths of a second behind Hodgson," Kocinski said. "I was on a fast lap when Yanagawa crashed, and once those yellow flags go out my concentration goes."

The Suzukis were once again struggling, despite their private tests one week before the race. James Whitham took 12th starting position and Mike Hale got no higher than 19th. "The bike is definitely better but I could never seem to get a clear lap," Hale said. "Yanagawa crashed while I was trying for one hot lap, then it began to rain when I tried again."

Only 29 riders qualified.

Round 3: Donington Park



(Above) Simon Crafar (6) leads Colin Edwards II and Scott Russell. Crafar beat the Yamaha riders to the line in both races. (Left) Carl Fogarty, Pier-Francesco Chili and AaronSlight celebrate after the second race. It was only Chili's second finish of the series.

past Slight to take the runner-up spot. Second place for Chili was only the Italian's second finish of the season.

"Things got quite hectic on the last lap," Chili said. "But this time, the roles were reversed. I managed to get in front of Aaron and I was able to stay there as well. This was a good revenge after my disappointing first race."

Slight found victory had been within his reach, but that he had just missed that little bit of luck.

"Brakes and tires turned out to be the biggest problem in this race," Slight said. "The last lap was the cream on the cake, when I lost time with the lapped rider. The brakes started to fade, and Frankie (Chili) got me on the last corner. But I suppose I should be happy about today - this is the first time I've won at Donington."

Crafar had an identical race to the first one, with his hard tire coming good at the end of the race, while the other riders started to struggle for grip.

Kocinski finished fifth, dropping from first to third in the point standings, and was simply glad to be moving on with some points under his belt.

"The first race result certainly was not what I expected, but at least I grabbed a few more points in the second race," Kocinski said. "Donington has never been a successful circuit for me so it is nice to have six finishes from six races so far this year and to be in the hunt for the title."

Edwards and Russell once again kept each other company during the whole race and finished sixth and seventh.

"Everything is okay with the bike," Edwards said. "But, like everyone, we could do with a little more power. I just can't get the bike around here any quicker. You can really push the whole race but the extra tenths you may make you'll lose with one tiny mistake. It's just not worth risking."

Russell put his result partly down to a lack of experience with the Yamaha.

"I am lacking a bit of confidence because the bike is still quite new for me and that told coming out of Redgate (corner). I ended up following Colin around, which was not much fun. The lappers here were idiots because they would look back at you when the blue flags were out and then put their heads down and try and race you."

Hale was on course to better his 15th place in race one when he was forced to retire from the battle when the rear tire of his Suzuki suddenly deflated after nine of the scheduled 25 laps. Briton James Haydon, who had finished 14th, was later disqualified because of his bike being underweight. This promoted Andreas Meklau and Pere Riba Cabana to the last points-earning places. CN

Donington Park
Donington Park, Great Britain
Results: May 4, 1997 (Round 3 of 13)

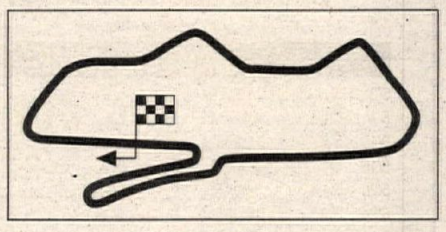
QUALIFYING: 1. Neil Hodgson (1:33.748); 2. Aaron Slight (1:33.840); 3. Carl Fogarty (1.33.848); 4. Pier-Francesco Chili (1;33.874); 5. Simon Crafar (1.33.972); 6. Scott Russell (1.34.080); 7. Colin Edwards II (1:34.184); 8. Akira Yanagawa (1.34.184); 9. John Kocinski (1.34.448); 10. Piergiorgio Bontempi (1:34.584); 11. Neil Mackenzie (1:34.799); 12. James Whitham (1:34.904); 13. John Reynolds (1:35.160); 14. Christer Lindholm (1:35.284); 15. Gregorio Lavilla (1:35.510); 16. Steve Hislop (1:35.800); 17. Sean Emmett (1:35.812); 18. James Haydon (1:36.604); 19. Mike Hale (1:36.698); 20. Pere Riba Cabana (1:37.038); 21. Christian Lavieille (1:37.336); 22. Andreas Meklau (1:37.516); 23. Igor Jerman (1:38.688); 24. Anton Gruschka (1:39.291); 25. B. Sampson (1:39.840); 26. Giorgio Cantalupo (1:40.474); 27. Eugene McManus (1:40.670); 28. J. Mrkyvka (1:41.726); 29. P. Malvini (1:42.500).

RACE ONE: 1. Aaron Slight (Hon); 2. Carl Fogarty (Duc); 3. Simon Crafar (Kaw); 4. Neil Hodgson (Duc); 5. Colin Edwards II (Yam); 6. Scott Russell (Yam); 7. Niall Mackenzie (Yam); 8. James Whitham (Suz); 9. John Reynolds (Duc); 10. John Kocinski (Hon); 11. Piergiorgio Bontempi (Kaw); 12. Christer Lindholm (Yam); 13. Gregorio Lavilla (Duc); 14. Sean Emmett (Duc); 15. Mike Hale (Suz); 16. James Haydon (Duc); 17. Andreas Meklau (Duc); 18. Pere Riba Cabana (Hon); 19. Christian Lavieille (Hon); 20. Igor Jerman (Kaw); 21. Anton Gruschka (Yam); 22. J. Mrkyvka (Hon); 23. Paolo Malvini (Duc).
Time: 39 min., 52.127 sec.
Distance: 25 laps, 62.353 miles
Average speed: 93.843 mph
Margin of victory: 1.683 sec.
Fastest lap: Pier-Francesco Chili, 1:34.723/94.796 mph

RACE TWO: 1. Carl Fogarty (Duc); 2. Pier-Francesco Chili (Duc); 3. Aaron Slight (Hon); 4. Simon Crafar (Kaw); 5. John Kocinski (Hon); 6. Colin Edwards II (Yam); 7. Scott Russell (Yam); 8. Niall Mackenzie (Yam); 9. Neil Hodgson (Duc); 10. James Whitham (Suz); 11. John Reynolds (Duc); 12. Sean Emmett (Duc); 13. Gregorio Lavilla (Duc); 14. Andreas Meklau (Duc); 15. Pere Riba Cabana (Hon); 16. Christian Lavieille (Hon); 17. Igor Jerman (Kaw); 18. Anton Gruschka (Yam); 19. Giorgio Cantalupo (Duc); 20. Paolo Malvini (Duc); 21. J. Mrkyvka (Hon).
Time: 39 min., 48.996 sec.
Distance: 25 laps, 62.353 miles
Average speed: 93.965 mph
Margin of victory: 3.892 sec.
Fastest lap: Carl Fogarty, 1:34.637/94.882 mph

WORLD SUPERBIKE C'SHIP SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 3 of 12 rounds): 1. Carl Fogarty (110/1); 2. Aaron Slight (99/2); 3. John Kocinski (96/2); 4. Simon Crafar (81); 5. Colin Edwards II (59); 6. Scott Russell (48); 7. Pier-Francesco Chili (45/1); 8. Neil Hodgson (42); 9. Akira Yanagawa (24); 10. Pere Riba Cabana (23); 11. Troy Bayliss (22); 12. (TIE) James Whitham/Piergiorgio Bontempi (19); 14. (TIE) Niall Mackenzie/Martin Craggill (17).

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 4 - Hockenheim, Germany, June 8
Round 5 - Monza, Italy, June 22



Briefly...

Virginio Ferrari admitted that **Anthony Gobert** had offered his services to Ducati about a week and a half before the Donington round. At the same time, however, the Italian team manager expressed his doubts about the deal becoming a reality. "Even though I appreciate Anthony a lot - at the end of last year we had been talking about a possible collaboration - I think at this time it is impossible for Ducati to provide him with factory equipment," Ferrari said. "They have to think about the availability of factory engines and spare parts. And with the 18 people in the racing department of Ducati now working on the development and the maintenance of the engines for the Gattolone team and our team, there is just no more capacity to take on another factory rider." To put this in the right context: The Ferrari-run team not only takes four complete bikes (for Fogarty and Hodgson) to every race, but also 12 spare engines and several loads of spare parts.

Terry Rymer was one of the British hotshots not to enter the third round of the World Superbike championship. The former Superbike and Grand Prix rider, as well as former World Endurance Champion, will however enter his Kawasaki at the Brands Hatch round later this year. "We are waiting for some special parts from the British importer," the Londoner said at Donington. "Right now, the bike is not competitive enough to take on these guys." The ZXR is however fast enough for the National Championship. One week before, Rymer had ridden to a second and a third place in a national race at Oulton Park.

As things look now, **Ducati** will continue using the **996cc V-twin** engine until the next century. "We are convinced that the concept has not yet reached its limits," chief engineer Claudio Domenicali said in Donington. "Everything will depend on the available budget to continue developing the engine. But the new American owners of Ducati are well aware of the strategic importance of racing for the commercial success of Ducati. The racing department was allotted a slightly higher budget for this season, but it is not excluded that the budget might be stepped up a lot more next year when that turns out to be necessary to keep - or to regain - the world title." As with every highly tuned racing engine, Domenicali admitted that his technical staff is confronted with ever-more-difficult challenges in order to keep an advantage over the competition. "As the power of the engine has increased to 150-155 bhp (measured according to the ISO standards) timing belts sometimes turned out to be a problem, but that has been solved now," he said. "More challenging is the fact that the engine is making more and more revs - now the rev limiter is activated at 12,500 revs on the factory bikes, whereas Ducati has successfully run prototypes at 13,000 revs on the dyno - new problems arise. Take the traditional drop of oil pressure during hard braking. At some moments, the oil pressure in the engine can drop during a second well below the average level, which can cause some parts not to be lubricated sufficiently. We are now working on several possibilities to try and solve that problem." The new evolution of the 996cc engine, which has been used during private practice sessions, has a redesigned crankcase and several other minor modifications.

The doctors had found it better not to allow Japanese Kawasaki rider **Akira Yanagawa** to start Sunday's race after his heavy crash on Saturday in which he had suffered a serious blow to the head. A slight concussion was diagnosed and his neck was put in a plaster cast as a precaution. At first diagnosis, no fractures were discovered.

Another non-starter was **Steve Hislop**, who crashed his only bike during warmup, and his mechanics were unable to get the bike battle-ready again in time.

With two high-speed tracks coming up in June, several factory teams await **new engines** for the next round at Hockenheim. Suzuki, for instance, will have a completely redesigned engine at its disposal, in which the timing belt will be replaced by gears for the camshaft drive. The new engine produces roughly 5 hp more throughout the rev range.

The England-based **Honda** and **Suzuki factory teams** arrived at the Donington Park circuit with something of an advantage, after having tested there about a week before the event. "This is part of a sort of 'gentleman's agreement' between the factory teams," one of the managers explained. "From next year onward, the FIM will likely officially prohibit testing on World Superbike Championship circuits before the event, bar one circuit that will be appointed by one team at the beginning of the season. Yamaha, for instance, will be allowed to test at Monza one week before the Italian round. From next year onward, it will probably also be forbidden to test at a track even after the event has been run there." Some managers also hope to introduce a new rule for wet races, where a race distance will be determined before the start in the form of a set number of laps or a set amount of time, whichever comes first. The hope is that, with races of limited time, riders would be less inclined to crash as a result of numb fingers. Most of the two practice days at Donington were run in the wet, with John Kocinski once again impressive, going about four seconds a lap faster than the best Suzuki.

Britain is counting on 21-year-old **Scott Smart**, son of the legendary Paul Smart and cousin of Barry Sheene, to take over Carl Fogarty's position as the top British rider within a couple of years. The youngster, who is entering the European 250cc championship this year, received a telephone call from the Alstare Corona Extra team only a few days before the Donington World Supersport Series round. Team manager Francis Batta offered him the chance to ride the 748 left vacant by Stephane Chambon, who was competing in a national French Supersport race the same weekend. Smart qualified the bike on the front row and looked set for a top-five position on race day until he retired from the race.

The World Supersport Series race was dominated by Italian **Paolo Casoli**, who had a margin of almost half a minute at the end of the race. Second went to Thomas Korner after he had passed Stephane Mertens in the second-to-last corner, the Belgian struggling to finish third after suffering from fuel-delivery problems in the final laps. Massimo Meregalli, winner of the first race of the year at Misano, finished fourth, with former two-time European champion Michael Paquay having to settle for eighth after suffering from a stop-and-go penalty together with three other riders accused of having jumped the start. Current European Supersport champion Fabrizio Pirovano got the holeshot but crashed in the third corner, breaking his ankle.

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Total Control Racing's Kevin Atherton

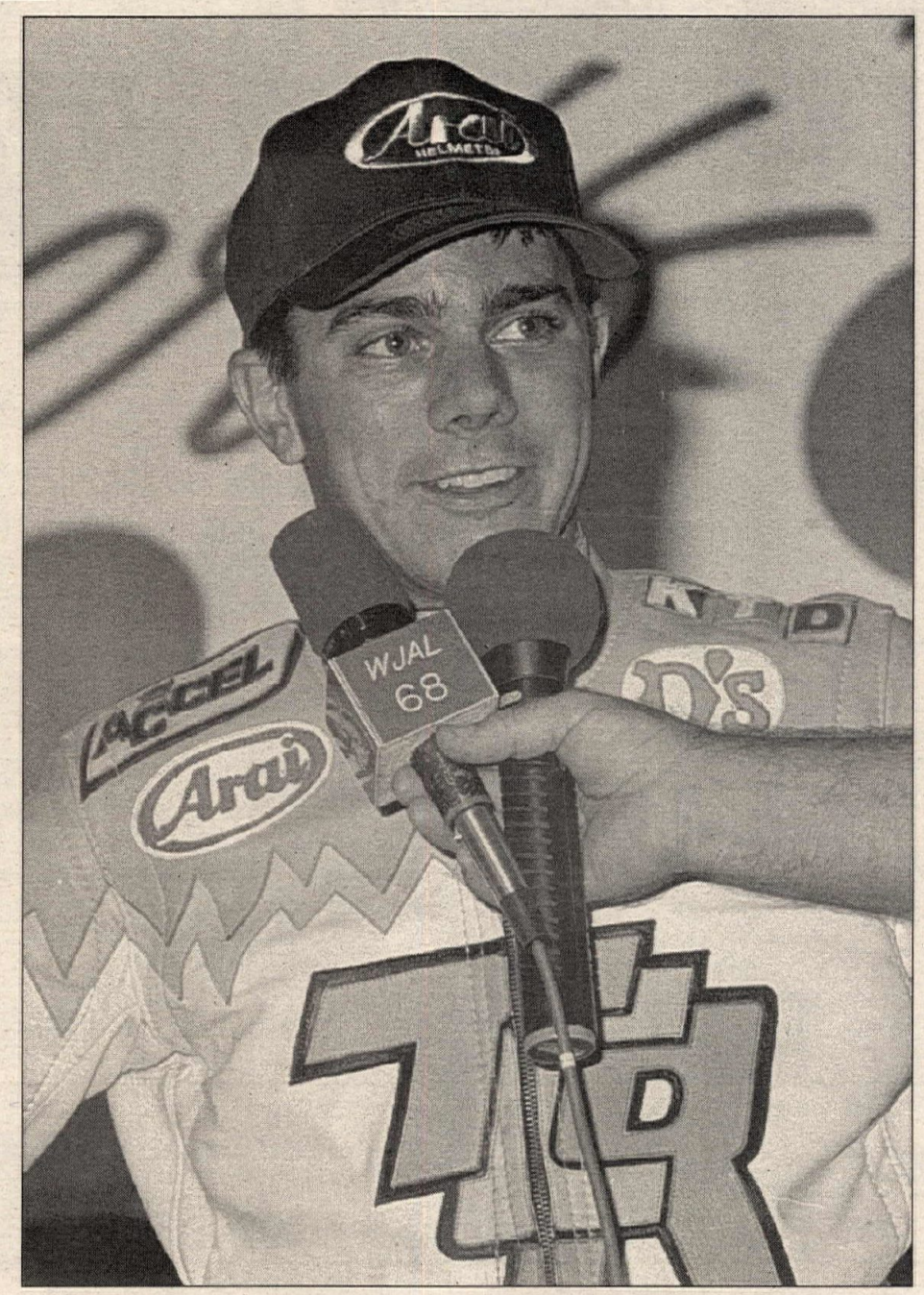
"MY TURN"

By Scott Rousseau

It's funny how good things can come out of a bad situation.

Take for example, the rainout at the Mineral Wells Half Mile in West Virginia. As I strolled into the lobby of the race headquarters, Amerihost Inn near the West Virginia Motor Speedway, I pondered what would become of the pages that were earmarked for coverage of the event in Cycle News. *With the race rained out (see In The Wind), there was little to do but hope that the boss and the rest of the capable* CN *staff could fill the space that Mother Nature had seen fit to wash out.*

But then I saw Total Control Racing's Kevin Atherton over in the corner of the lobby. The normally upbeat, smiling youngster from Michigan was clearly bummin', so I decided to go have a chat with him. But before I did, I ran out to the old rent-a-dent and grabbed my tape recorder and a notepad to see if we couldn't fill a couple of pages on our own. We sat down in a corner of the lobby and winged it. I asked whatever questions came to mind, he answered, and a good thing came out of it. I got Kevin Atherton. His thoughts of the moment and for the upcoming year. For him, it all revolves around being the man to beat Scott Parker.



You have to be a little disappointed over this cancellation after all the momentum you carried on the big bike last year. How is this going to affect you mentally?

I don't know how it's going to affect me. We had really planned to go racing. We've had a couple weekends off, and we've been itching to go racing. I mean, you can ride motocross bikes and all that, but we really wanted to go, and it's tough to come to the first 750 race of the year and sit through a rainout when the next one's not scheduled for two more weeks down the road. It's disappointing, but at least Harrington is coming, and we'll just have to get the mindset back. This week I'll just go and be out on the (motocross) bike and be training.

You got a win at Mineral Wells in '93, so you know you were a contender.

Yeah. I love this race track. It's a neat design. It's high-banked, and it's fast, and the guy with the biggest "ones" is going to win it.

So then what do you think about getting your start at Harrington? How have you done there?

I like Harrington. We struggled there in '95, but last year we were fast, and then it got rained out - here we go again, huh? But like I said, we struggled for most of the year in '95 and then last year we got our chassis dialed in and everything went well. I'm looking forward to going to that one too.

Let's talk about the second half of last season. You were on fire. You won five races and finished on the box in 10 of the last 11. What were the factors there?

We just had a lot of momentum and I learned an awful lot. The bikes were working to my riding style, basically. You know, I've always known that I could go fast and win races, but sometimes the track didn't suit my needs or the motorcycle didn't suit my needs. Now we've got the motorcycle working to my advantage. That's what gave us that huge step up last year, that momentum. I want to carry that over into this year really bad. That's the biggest thing - that we've found the combination that works best for Kevin Atherton. And now I just have to go ride the race track. Once you get the motorcycles working good, you can make them work anywhere.

The motorcycles are dialed in. How about your relationship with your team? You're in your fourth year with the same program. How would you assess the progress that the TCR team has made?

The team has made a huge step forward. Now every time we do things, we're not looking for stepping stones. We've established a solid base, and now everything we do seems to help the program out whereas before we would make this change or that change and not really be sure where we were going. Now we know exactly what's going on. We haven't even changed the bikes that much for this year. Really, why should we? We do have some new stuff going on that we were hoping to try out today, so that's another bummer. But we've basically got the same equipment as last year with some new stuff that will hopefully make it a little better. The things are working really good, so I don't know how much further forward we can go.

So if you see yourself being as strong as last year, and in fact once again fighting for the championship, who do you see as your main competition for the crown? Obviously Scott Parker, and?

Obviously Scott Parker... Will Davis, Rich King and Joe Kopp. That's going to be the group. It's going to be a hell of a season, and I just can't wait to get it started. It's going to be a great season just like last year was. Last year was a great battle between the five of us as far as the championship battle with all the lead changes in the points standings. It was like a big rotation. Guys would drop down and everyone took their turn at the top.

With the way that you finished up last year, it must have felt like a really long off-season. What did you do with yourself during the past six months?

Yes, it really was. It was like, gosh, I wanted to go racing in November. I was ready to go again in three weeks. But in the off-season we went in and fixed the body. I had a complete knee reconstruction done to my right knee where they went in and put a new ACL in - it was completely destroyed. But it (the repair) has given me a lot of confidence. Two hours after surgery I was back in therapy, and two weeks later I was back on a motorcycle - play riding, not getting too serious.

Scott Parker and I went out west, but I didn't get to do any skiing because the doctor told me to not even think about that. Yeti sent me some of those studded Extreme Games tires for my mountain bike, so I put those on and went up some of the hills and would just come bombing down. I'd get going really fast and then, wham! Ground-sky-ground-sky-ground-sky (laughs). I did a lot of mountain biking and a lot of rehab on the knee. Sarah Stanton (wife of Team Honda supervisor Jeff Stanton) handles my therapy. We also did some ice riding, though the ice was kind of shitty this year because it kept getting hot and cold, and that's bad for the ice. I've been riding the motocross bike since February. We're pretty focused.

You've been accused of lacking focus sometimes, and sometimes it has been said to be because of things that go on in your personal life. Do you think that's a fair comment?

I don't think that anything personal has ever really bothered me on the race track. Personal things within the teams, maybe, like when we're not communicating right and misjudging the race track - that can be a problem. But as far as my personal life goes, that doesn't matter. When you go to a race track, you go there to race. It doesn't matter what went on the day before. It doesn't affect me. Some people may think that way, and that might be a way for them to make excuses. But I think that I'm pretty laid back. We're having fun, and we can still go race motorcycles on the weekend.

You're still really good friends with Scott Parker, and you were always looked upon as his protege at the factory. Are you satisfied that you've finally stepped out of his shadow? Are you satisfied that you are your own person and are recognized as such?

Yes, but that really didn't happen until last year. I mean, I won a few races here and there, but everything was still "Scott Parker." I learned so much from Scott, but it's time to put that (association) behind. I am my own person, and I

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Team Kawasaki

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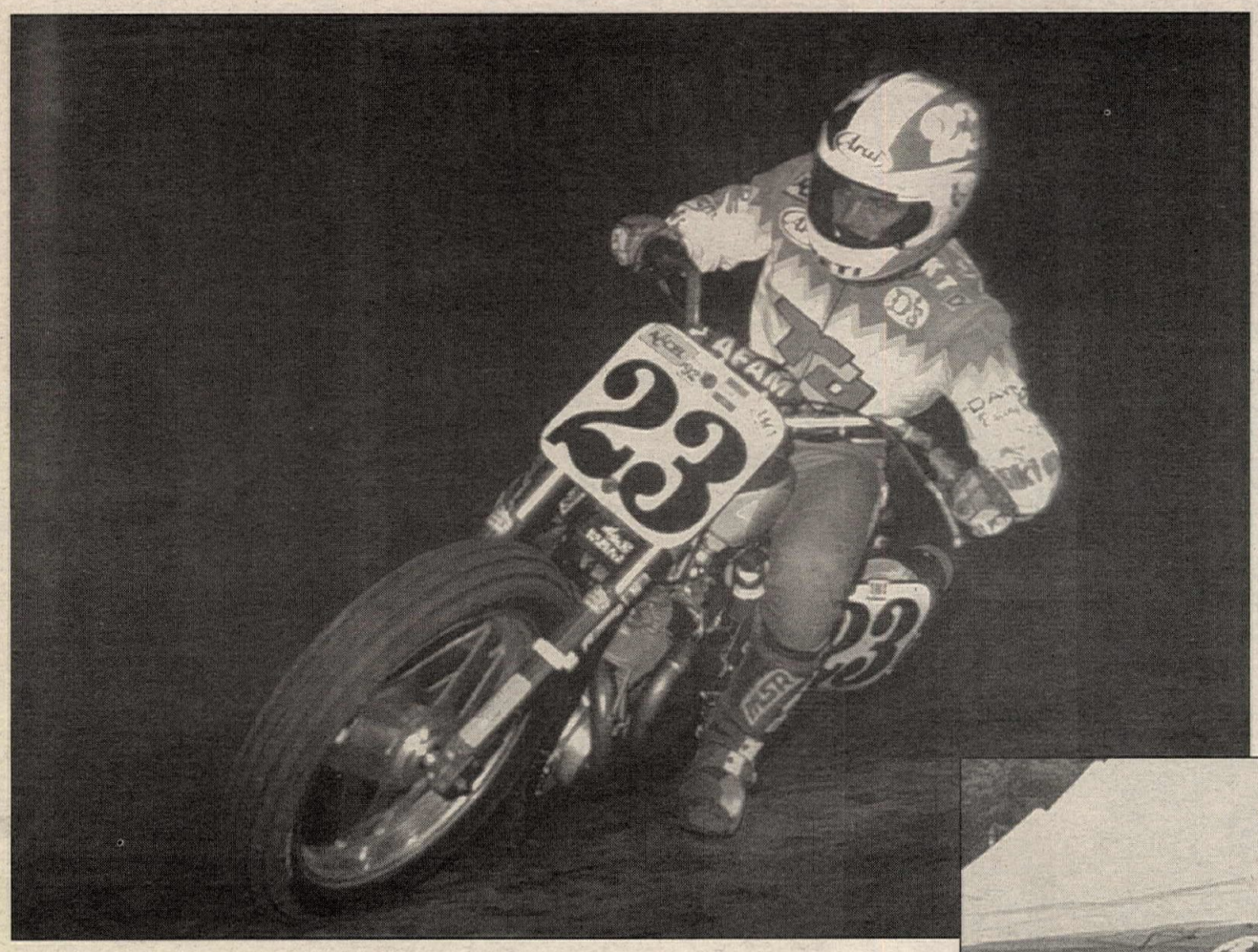

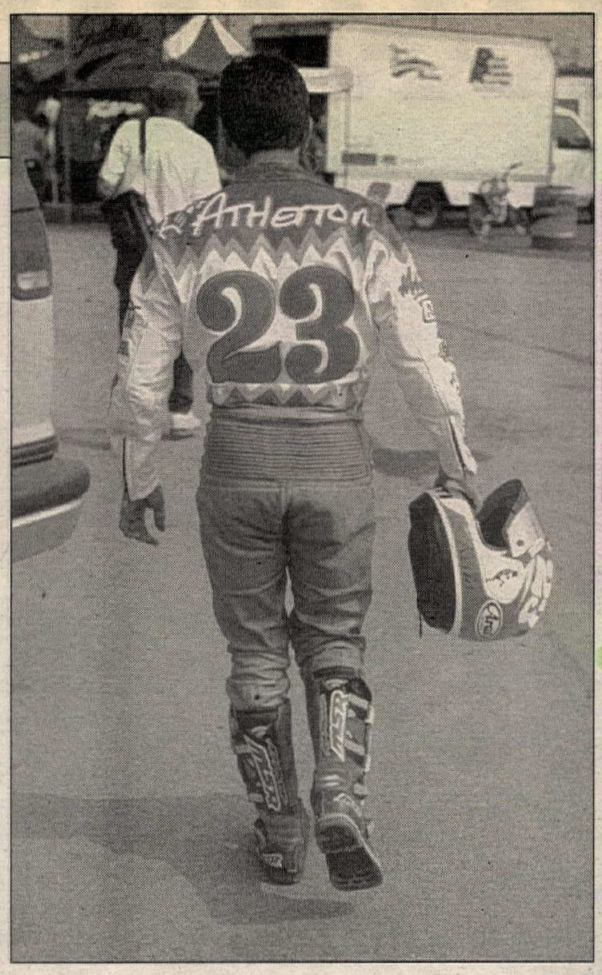

beat Scott Parker quite a few times last year.

Daytona for you is pretty much like it is for Parker: not worth a darn.

Nope. It's still a crapshoot, a roll of the dice. I've done well there before, and I've done worse there than I did this year. We broke a lot of motorcycles there this year, which is very odd, especially with the Rotaxes, which are pretty much bulletproof. But we broke a lot of Mickey Mouse parts, and they were brand-new engines, so they shouldn't have broke. But they're racing motorcycles, and things will break. It's another race track, and Scott Parker and I are two of the best, so we should be able to race Daytona like we do every other race track. But for some reason we struggle there while guys that you've never even heard of go fast or you see guys like Terry Poovey that are awesome at the place.

Obviously you want to do as well as possible at every race, but the Springfield Mile is coming up fast, and you've never won that one. Davey Camlin earned a lot of acclaim after winning both of them last year. It's a big deal to win Springfield. How do you feel about it?

It is a big deal. Springfield is the granddaddy. It's the Indianapolis 500 of dirt track, and everybody wants to win it. I know that when Chris Carr won it was a big load off his shoulders to finally win it. I've been in the position to win it at least a half a dozen times, and things just didn't work out - either I made the wrong decision or someone else made a better one. But I want to win Springfield probably more than I would want to win Peoria. It's just one of those that you've got to win because of the heritage behind the race. You just want to be able to put your name up there with the Carroll Reswebers and the Bart Markels. I want to be one of the guys to win Springfield. It'll happen.

Give us Kevin Atherton's assessment of the upcoming season.

I think that it's going to be a tight championship, and I really think that it's going to come down to Will Davis and myself. I think I've got a little more on Will, I don't want to say in knowledge, but it seems that I do a little better than him at a majority of the places that we go. I just think that Will is going to be the toughest guy out there, and then Scott and Rich. Joe Kopp is going to be in there every once in a while. He's learning a lot. It's hard to say what the learning curve is going to be this year with him.

This is going to be your ninth year as a professional. What does your future in the sport look like to you?

I'm just getting started, I think. We've finally got everything figured out, like I said before. I don't know how long I'll do it. There are a lot of better things out there for motorcycle racers, and a lot of different avenues to go.

Like road racing?

Road racing is great. It's fun, and I enjoy it. But dirt track racing is my first love. I just wish that we could make some money at this.

What do you think of the AMA's five-year plan?

I'm really not sure yet. I do think that we need the Novice/Junior/Expert classes to let them (new riders) learn how to ride these motorcycles, like when I came up through the ranks. It was the best thing for you. I think that's a good deal, and I think that as far as getting the other manufacturers involved, we definitely need that so that we can make the market better and make a career out of this.

So you actually sound like you're sold on it, but it sounds like you'd rather see the changes come more quickly.

Yeah, we need to do it. As far as the equipment goes, whatever they tell me to ride is what I'm going to ride. I'm not concerned about that. We just need more brands involved. It's gonna make for better racing and camaraderie among the manufacturers, and hopefully we'll see some money come into our sport.

Are you satisfied with how far you've come in the sport?

I've accomplished a lot, and a lot of other people are satisfied with that. But, for myself, no. I want to win that championship. I've been wanting to do that since 1986 or '87 when I decided to make a career out of this. I'm happy with what I've done, but not satisfied... Not yet.

You've still got one more rung on the ladder.

One more... One more. This is my year. I love what I'm doing. I love to race motorcycles, and I love to win. I hate coming in second. It used to be that finishing in the top five was cool or standing on the box was great. Now second sucks. You can't win every race, and everbody knows that, but you've got to beat the guy that you're racing against in every race. That's how you win the championship. It sounds easy. This year I want to make it easy. CN

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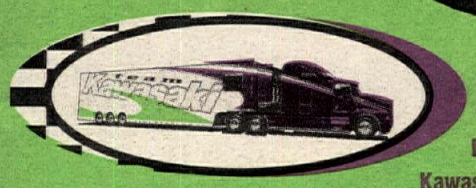

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Kawasaki hauls in 14 wins at the World Mini.

The results of the 26th annual NMA World Mini Grand Prix in Las Vegas made one thing very clear. Green is going to be a popular color in the winner's circle for a long, long time. Team Green took 14 out of 32 class wins and dominated the younger divisions. Mike Alessi's two victories lead to a team sweep of the four Junior classes. And James Stewart and Chase Reed rode KX80s to two wins apiece. So you see, Vegas is really no different than anywhere else. Once the rubber hits the dirt, the smart money's on green.

Ty Davis wins 3rd straight Hare & Hound.

Ty Davis took to the sand dunes of Jericho, Utah with a vengeance. He and his KX500 fought hard for over two hours. When it was over, he had outdistanced the pack, repeating the first-place finishes he pulled off in Murphy, Idaho and Lucerne Valley, CA. But Davis was just one of Team Green's winners in Jericho. Donnie Book battled to a 250cc Expert class victory on his KX250, while Dana Van Stee took first in 125cc Expert aboard a KX125. Which goes to show you. In the National Hare & Hound, you're either riding a Kawasaki, or sniffin' around for second.

Best in the Desert Silver State Series, Round 1, Tonopah 300, NV, March 29

O/A	
Dave Ondas/Donnie Book	1st
Dave Hamel/Dennis Belingheri	2nd
Open Pro	
Dave Ondas/Donnie Book	1st
Dave Hamel/Dennis Belingheri	2nd
125 Pro	
Quint Betts/Jonh Spaeth	1st
Clint Braun/Rusty Ruby	2nd
Ironman EX	
Bill Maxim	1st
Ron Purvines	2nd
Robin Rightmire	3rd
35+ EX	
Mark Franks/William O'Hara/ John Reo	1st
40+ EX	
Rick Burrus/Jim McCartney/ Jay Zicker	1st
48+ EX	
Gary Colbert/Gary Vanderpool/ Richard Jackson	1st
L/W 4-STK EX	
Ron Lawson/Gary Jones	1st
Open AM	
John Frederick/Scott Vonbargen	1st
125 AM	
Robert Marshall/Randy Marshall/ Bob Meyers	1st
35+ AM	
Steve Searles/Michael Searles/ Ralph Foster	1st
Ironman AM	
Aaron Evans	1st

NMA World Mini Grand Prix, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, NV April 3–6

JR Cycle STK (6-8)	
Mike Alessi	1st
Dennis Jonon	2nd
Colton Facciotti	3rd
Jeff Alessi	4th
Edward Herring	5th
JR Cycle STK (9-11)	
Kyle Chisholm	1st
Daryl Ecklund	2nd
Josh Grant	3rd
Joshua Davis	4th
Jason Medina	5th
JR Cycle MOD (6-8)	
Mike Alessi	1st
Colton Facciotti	2nd
Edward Herring	3rd
Dennis Jonon	4th
Todd Nelson	5th
JR Cycle MOD (9-11)	
Sean Collier	1st
Josh Grant	2nd
Nicholas Evennou	3rd
Davi Millsaps	4th
Kyle Chisholm	5th
80 STK (7-11)	
James Stewart	1st
80 STK (12-13)	
Chase Reed	1st
80 MOD (7-11)	
James Stewart	1st
80 MOD (12-13)	
Chase Reed	1st
125 STK Pro	
Shae Bentley	1st
125 Open Non-Pro	
Billy Payne	1st
250 STK Nov	
Jeremy Santoro	1st
250 STK Pro	
Rusty Holland	1st
250 Mod Nov	
Chris Honnold	1st
Plus 30 Open Non Pro	
Kurt Cannon	1st

Hilltoppers MC Wild West Grand Prix, Twenty-Nine Palms, CA, April 5–6

U/C	
Paul Krause	1st
Dave Ondas	2nd
Team Race	
Paul Krause/Dave Ondas	1st
Oakly Lehman/ Steve Hengeveld	2nd
Robert Baehr/Brent Farrell	3rd
VET	
Paul Krause	1st
Abe Baumann	3rd
250	
Oakley Lehman	1st
Jeff Kawell	2nd
Doug Chiapuzio	4th
125	
Dana VanStee	1st
Open	
Dave Ondas	1st
Paul Krause	2nd
Tommy Roberts	3rd
Jason Higgins	4th
Mini	
Kurt Casella	1st
WMN	
Michelle Casselia	1st

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Kalos conquers

(Left) The Four-Stroke National class rounds the first turn at Glen Helen raceway.

By Don Schnieder
Photos by Kinney Jones

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, APR. 27

The second round of the AMA/Maxima Western Four-Stroke National MX Championship Series rolled into Glen Helen Raceway and saw Husaberg rider Shaun Kalos take his first win of the series. It was Kalos' consistency that paid big dividends, as he charged to a second-place finish in the opening moto and followed that up with a strong win in the second. His 2-1 tally was better than that turned in by series champ Lance Smail, who piloted his KTM to 1-3 finishes. Kawasaki Team Green's Ty Davis improved one spot over his previous week's fourth-place ride in Arizona, this time going 3-2 for third.

The event, which was held in conjunction with the 11th annual White Brothers World Four-Stroke Championship, got off to a rocky start when a number of top series contenders were injured in separate incidents during practice sessions. ATK's Scott Myers went down hard and broke ribs, a collarbone and bruised his lung. Honda rider Larry Brooks also slammed the ground, but the most serious of those injured was Husaberg rider Mike Young Jr. Young reportedly broke three vertebrae in his lower back (see In The Wind).

In the first moto, Smail powered his Tom Moen-tuned KTM 620 into the early lead, while Z-Racing Husaberg's Brian Roth settled into second, just ahead of Kalos and White Brothers XR440 Honda-mounted Spud Walters. Joining in the pursuit were Australia's Glenn Bell, Brooks, Robert Naughton, Gordon Ward and Nathan Woods.

Smail, however, was untouchable. He pulled away from the pack and soon enjoyed a 12-second cushion over his nearest competitor Kalos, who, along with Walters, slipped by Roth early on.

(Right) Husaberg's Shaun Kalos scored his first National Four-Stroke win after posting 2-1 moto finishes.
(Below) Defending champ Lance Smail went 1-3 for second overall.

Roth settled into fourth, while Bell and Davis mixed it up over fifth place.

Walters matched Kalos' every move until lap eight when his Honda simply gave up.

"The ignition just got hot and gave out," Walters said.

Earlier in the race, Davis got around Bell, with both riders eventually zapping Roth, who tried hanging with them only to crash. Roth would end up finishing 14th.

Bell would later suffer the same fate as Roth. While keeping Davis within sight, Bell went down and couldn't get his big thumper to fire as quickly as he would've liked. Bell would finish up in 19th.

Meanwhile, IMS/Primal Impulse-backed Mike Healey was getting in on the action. After a midpack start, Healey and his Honda began picking off riders until his forward momentum carried him into fourth place.

But the rider of this moto was Smail, who sailed to victory unscathed, crossing the finish line with room to spare over Kalos, Davis and Healey. Naughton, on his Premier Motorsports-backed KTM, rounded out the top five. Husaberg rider Gary Dircks took sixth, Brad Hagseth seventh, Ray Crumb eighth, Dustin Bloomfield ninth and Brooks 10th.

"I could see Kalos throughout the race as we crossed different areas," winner Smail said. "I could tell he wasn't gaining, so I was having fun. Then, with two laps to go, I overshot a corner and collected some banners in my rear wheel. Luckily it was on the sprocket side and it never gave me any trouble."

Smail again grabbed the holeshot in the second moto and held a slight lead over Bell and Dircks going into a whoop section. The trio launched into the whoops almost simultaneously, and Bell drifted into Smail, who then drifted into Dircks. Smail and Dircks touched and the two riders got out of control and ran right through some banners and off the track. Smail dropped off the side of the course while Dircks stalled his machine, and the beneficiary of all this was Bell, who came out of it clean. But Bell's lead was short-lived as Kalos quickly passed him and took off.

After a couple of laps, things settled down slightly, with Kalos leading followed by Bell, Healey and Davis, who were all running close together, and Smail was beginning his charge through the pack.

Smail was coming up fast. "The riders seemed to single-file-it around the track," Smail said of his comeback. "The track is so wide I could just berserk it outside of them and get the job done."

By the halfway point, Healey and Davis got around Bell, while Smail slipped by Walters for fifth. Shortly thereafter, Smail reeled in and passed Bell for fourth and now had his sights set on Healey, who had been passed by Davis. Smail tracked Healey down and got him for third place.

Kalos took the checkered flag with two seconds to spare over Davis for the moto win and overall victory. Davis took second over Smail, Healey and Bell.

"I won this one for Mike (Young Jr.)," Kalos said. CN

Glen Helen Raceway
San Bernardino, California
Results: April 27, 1997 (Round 2 of 8)

MOTO 1: 1. Lance Smail (KTM); 2. Shaun Kalos (Hbg); 3. Ty Davis (Kaw); 4. Mike Healey (Hon); 5. Robert Naughton (KTM); 6. Gary Dircks (Hbg); 7. Brad Hagseth (Hon); 8. Ray Crumb (KTM); 9. Dustin Bloomfield (KTM); 10. Larry Brooks (Hon); 11. Tim Sharp (Hon); 12. Billy Binckley (KTM); 13. Cliff Cook (Hbg); 14. Brian Roth (Hbg); 15. Scott Stillmock (Hon); 16. Nathan Woods (ATK); 17. David Glass (Hon); 18. Spud Walters (Hon); 19. Glen Bell (Hon); 20. Danny Hart (Hbg); 21. Gordon Ward (Hbg).

MOTO 2: 1. Shaun Kalos (Hbg); 2. Ty Davis (Kaw); 3. Lance Smail (KTM); 4. Mike Healey (Hon); 5. Glen Bell (Hon); 6. Spud Walters (Hon); 7. Robert Naughton (KTM); 8. Larry Brooks (Hon); 9. Billy Binckley (KTM); 10. Brad Hagseth (Hon); 11. Dustin Bloomfield (KTM); 12. Cliff Cook (Hbg); 13. Scott Stillmock (Hon); 14. David Glass (Hon); 15. Tim Sharp (Hon); 16. Nathan Woods (ATK); 17. Gary Dircks (Hbg); 18. Brian Roth (Hbg); 19. Ray Crumb (KTM); 20. Gordon Ward (Hbg); 21. Danny Hart (Hbg).

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AMA/MAXIMA WESTERN FOUR-STROKE NATIONAL MX SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 2 of 8 rounds): 1. Lance Smail (95); 2. Shaun Kalos (87); 3. Ty Davis (76); 4. Robert Naughton (58); 5. Mike Healey (46); 6. Mike Young (44); 7. Spud Walters (41); 8. Brad Hagseth (37); 9. Billy Binckley (36); 10. Scott Stillmock (30); 11. Brian Roth (30); 12. Ray Crumb (28); 13. Shaun Perolio (25); 14. Larry Brooks (24); 15. (TIE) Dustin Bloomfield/Drey Dircks (22); 17. Gary Dircks (19); 18. (TIE) Glenn Bell/Scott Myers (18); 20. Cliff Cook (17).

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 3 - Sacramento, California, May 5
Round 4 - San Bernardino, California, May 11

11th annual White Brothers World Four-Stroke Championship

Kling jams

By Robert Van Damme

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, APR. 27

Emitt Kling was one of the many big winners at the White Brothers World Four-Stroke Championships at Glen Helen Raceway, as he captured the very competitive Open Intermediate division on his North County-backed KTM. But Kling's victory was perhaps a little bit more special than the others.

Kling was originally entered in the Novice division, but an outstanding ride in the first moto prompted race officials to score Kling with the Intermediate riders. After all, he beat most of the Intermediates in the first moto despite starting in the second wave with the Novices. Kling finished that race in third among the Intermediates, which only seemed to warm him up, as he came back in the second moto, effectively his first "official" ride as an Intermediate, and smoked everyone for the overall victory.

KTM rider Tony Bienert grabbed the early lead in the first moto over Roger Hurd, Travis Marks, Brad Cameron and Jon Parks. Bienert had a three-bike-length advantage over Hurd as they came through the sandy base of the course. Then Bienert did the double jump before the scoring area and pulled a bigger advantage. Meanwhile, Kling starting in the second gate, which was the Novice class, had only to get around Mike Von Kostka. By the start of the second lap, Kling was free of Von Kostka and preceded to reel in the first group. Marks went down midway through the second lap and got going after Kling went by. Parks passed Cameron right at the scoring section, but Cameron held the inside line going into the next turn and pulled back ahead of Parks. Parks, now losing momentum, let Kling catch up and pass for fourth then started to feel pressure from Marks.

(Left) Kawasaki's Ty Davis took third. (Below) Thirteen-year-old Emitt Kling started the day as a Novice but finished it as the Intermediate-class winner during the White Brothers World Four-Stroke Championships, held in conjunction with the National.

Kling, at just 13 years of age, passed Cameron as they dropped into the infield, and Marks soon got by Parks for fourth. Bienert, on the white-flag lap, went down and Hurd roosted by him. Bienert was able to get going before Kling could get him. Hurd took the checkered in first, followed by Bienert, Kling, Cameron and Marks.

Kling, starting this time on the first gate, pulled the holeshot for the second moto. Bienert was in second, with Marks, Cameron, Hurd and Parks rounding out the top six. By the end of the second lap, Cameron made a mistake, costing him two positions to Parks and Hurd. Kling's lead grew to seven seconds, as Bienert had his hands full with Marks. Marks pulled even with Bienert as they made their way through a set of jumps in front of the bleachers. Marks came out in front of Bienert.

The checkered flag flew for Kling, followed by Marks, Bienert, Parks and Hurd.

With Kling out of the Open Novice ranks, this made the competitors happy they were not just racing for second. Mike Laughlin would get the early lead in each moto, only to be run down and overtaken by the overall winner Mike Dougherty. Laughlin would take second with a 2-2 finish, and third overall went to Rick DeFalco with a consistent 4-4.

Bienert would come back and take the overall in 30+ Intermediate class with Eric Graves taking second and Parks taking third.

Larry Roeseler took the overall in the 40+ Expert class and did so on a Kawasaki KLX that he rode to the race track. Rich Eierstedt took the holeshot in front of Gary Jones with Bob Rutten sitting in third. As the leaders made their way through the sand pit leading back toward the tower, Eierstedt got a little hot into the corner and Jones bumped into Eierstedt. Jones controlled the inside line going into the left-hand U-turn and got by for first. Roeseler was starting to apply pressure to Rutten and, while trying to pass Rutten on the outside, nicked a hay bale. Eierstedt got Jones back for the top spot, and Roeseler was now in third followed by Rutten and Tom White at the end of lap two. Rutten, coming around to finish lap three, made the right-hander leading into a small double and got out of shape in a rut. The momentum carried him on to the other side of the track going in the wrong direction toward the leaders. Rutten was able to veer away in time, so as not to complicate the battle involving Eierstedt, Jones and Roeseler.

Roeseler, who just turned 40 in February, found a hot line going through the whoops and passed Jones for second. Roeseler was now getting the track dialed in and worked his way around Eierstedt on the fifth lap. Eierstedt tried to stay close but Roeseler held on for the win. Eierstedt, Jones, Rutten and White rounded out the top five in that order.

Jones pulled the holeshot in the second moto after Eierstedt went down at the end of the start straightaway. Roeseler pulled in behind Jones for second, and Eierstedt would later bobble and would call it day. That left the four-time National MX Champion Jones to fend off the multi-time Baja 500 and 1000 Champion Roeseler. Roeseler would again pass Jones and the Stroker Speed Equipment-sponsored rider would pull away for the win and the overall. Second went to Jones followed by Rutten and Ray Pisarski.

Fifteen riders showed up for the 150cc Pro race and Jimmy Lewis took the overall win. Each time, though, Lewis had to work up from mediocre starts.

Scot Steffy out-dragged everyone into the first turn and held the lead in the first moto. Following Steffy were Charlie Flippen, Ray Groom, Eric Torkko and Duane Brown. Lewis started in eighth, but by the end of the first lap, he had passed all the way up to second. Lewis, on a four-stroke-powered CR80, would eventually pass Steffy and pull away for the win. Flippen did not finish the race, and Torkko moved up to third. Groom took fourth and Brown fifth.

The second moto found Torkko out in front chased by Steffy, Groom and Lewis. Steffy moved to the top spot when Torkko made a mistake and dropped back to fourth. At the end of the third lap, Groom took a turn at leading, as Steffy moved back to second, with Lewis only five bike lengths behind. Lewis went around Steffy in front of the bleachers and was now closing in on Groom. Lewis tried to get Groom in the same spot he passed Steffy in, but Groom held the inside line. Lewis would later appear out in front as they made their way out of the canyon section. Lewis took the win, with Groom second and Steffy third. CN

Glen Helen Raceway
San Bernardino, California
Results: April 27, 1996

30+ EX: 1. Willy Musgrave (Kaw); 2. Randy Norman (IMS).

30+ INT: 1. Tony Bienert (KTM); 2. Eric Graves (Hbg); 3. Jon Parks (Hon); 4. Willie Phee (Hon); 5. Ken Wilson (Hon).

30+ NOV: 1. Mike Dougherty (ADB); 2. Randy Gemiec (Hon); 3. Chad Hughes (Suz); 4. Larry Landes (KTM); 5. Steve Souisa (ATK).

40+ EX: 1. Larry Roeseler (Kaw); 2. Gary Jones (Hon); 3. Bob Rutten (Hon); 4. Ray Pisarski (Kaw).

40+ INT: 1. Ronnie Jones (Hon); 2. Karel Kramer (KTM); 3. Glenn Scott (Kaw).

40+ NOV: 1. Walter Miles (Hon); 2. Rod McCollough (Suz); 3. Rob Gurga (Hon); 4. Mel Mitchell (Hon); 5. John Di Ciaula (KTM).

150 PRO: 1. Jimmy Lewis (Hon); 2. Scot Steffy (Hon); 3. Ray Groom (Hon); 4. Eric Torkko (Hon); 5. Duane Brown (BBR).

150 MOD EX/AM: 1. Larry Kuebler (Hon); 2. Jimmy Lewis (Hon); 3. Bob Berney (Hon); 4. Mark Dwyer (Hon).

150 STK EX/AM: 1.Craig Jelich(Hon); 2. Ryan Chamberlain (Hon); 3. Daniel Alamangos (Hon); 4. Joey Compise (Hon); 5. Brandon Bradford (Hon).

300 INT: 1. Daniel Bush (Kaw); 2. Mark Hall (Hon).

300 NOV: 1. Mike Farmer (Kaw); 2. Kelley Yancey (Kaw); 3. Nick Wukmir (Hon); 4. Donald Ross (Hon); 5. Mel Mitchell (Hon).

450 EX: 1. Cliff Cook (Hbg); 2. Mike Seeley (Hon).

450 INT: 1. Alan Olson (Kaw); 2. Kenny Allen (KTM); 3. Ken Wilson (Hon);
4. Dan Legere (Suz); 5. Donnie Luce (Hon). **450 NOV:** 1. Jason Gardner (Hon); 2. Kelley Yancey (Kaw); 3. Terry Macrae (Suz); 4. Chad Erl (Hus); 5. Mark Crocker (Hon).

OPEN INT: 1. Emitt Kling (KTM); 2. Tony Bienert (KTM); 3. Roger Hurd (Hus); 4. Travis Marks (ATK); 5. Jon Parks (Hon).

OPEN NOV: 1. Mike Dougherty (ADB); 2. Mike Laughlin (ATK); 3. Rick DeFalco (KTM); 4. Jim Finerty (Hbg); 5. Ed Lowenberg (Hbg).

D/SPRT EX: 1. Bob Barnett (Kaw).

D/SPRT INT: 1. Eric Graves (Hbg); 2. Mark Howard (Suz); 3. Skip Crism (Hon).

D/SPRT NOV: 1. Gary Bowder (Hon); 2. Tom Coco (Hon); 3. Michael Welsh (ATK); 4. Dan Austin (Hon); 5. Mark Bessire (Suz).

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Round #2 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minnesota. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#303G) 1996 Anaheim Supercross
Round #3 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from the former Rams Stadium in Anaheim, California. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#312G) 1996 Seattle Supercross
Round #4 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from the Kingdome in Seattle, Washington. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#304G) 1996 San Diego Supercross
Round #5 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego, California. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#306G) 1996 Atlanta Supercross
Round #6 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#302G) 1996 Houston Supercross
Round #8 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from the Astrodome in Houston, Texas. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#314G) 1996 Dallas Supercross
Round #9 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from Texas Stadium in Dallas. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#307G) 1996 Indianapolis Supercross
Round #10 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#313G) 1996 Tampa Supercross
Round #11 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from Florida's Tampa Stadium. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#309G) 1996 Pontiac Supercross
Round #12 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from the Silverdome in Pontiac, Michigan. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#308G) 1996 Charlotte Supercross
Round #13 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from North Carolina's Charlotte Motor Speedway. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#311G) 1996 St. Louis Supercross
Round #14 of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from the TransWorld Dome in St. Louis, Missouri. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#315G) 1996 Denver Supercross
Final round (#15) of 125/250cc AMA Supercross Series action from Mile High Stadium in Denver, Colorado. 50 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#325B) Airtime - Thrills of Supercross
A review of each round of the 1992 AMA Camel Supercross series as Jeff Stanton, Damon Bradshaw, Guy Cooper, Jeff Matiasevich, Jeff Ward and the rest go for the gold. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#325C) All Crossed Up
This review of the entire 1993 Supercross season sees the emergence of Jeremy McGrath as "the greatest Supercross rookie sensation" in history. Trying to achieve his own personal record, Guy Cooper tries all season for his first AMA Supercross win in his farewell tour of the series. 1993 also marks the final year for Damon Bradshaw, as he turns in his early retirement. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#325E) Lightning Strikes Twice
A review of all 15 Coors Light Challenge rounds of the 1994 AMA Supercross Series as Jeremy McGrath steamrolled the 250cc class on the way to his second consecutive title. Also includes highlights of Eastern and Western 125cc rounds. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#325F) Supermac Attack
From Orlando to Las Vegas, follow Jeremy McGrath as he collects his third consecutive AMA-sanctioned U.S. Supercross Series championship. Includes highlights of 14 rounds with behind the scenes profiles on how it all happens. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$29.95**

(#50) Arenacross Madness
An action-packed music video showcasing all the best features that have made Mike Kidd's AMA National Arenacross Series such a hit with motorcycle fans all over the United States. 30 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

TOURING/ROAD RIDING CRUISING

(#106A) 50 Years of Daytona
400,000 enthusiasts descended on Daytona for the 1991 50th anniversary of Bike Week. See the "Main Street" & Harley scene from the biggest year ever. 60 minutes produced by Panacom from Progressive Design. **$22.95**

(#106C) Postcard from Daytona '96
A look at all the things away from the race tracks at Daytona Beach's Bike Week '96. It's just like being there, except for the rain...61 minutes from Duke Video USA:. **$34.95**

(#213) The Roads of Colorado
Actual footage of selected roads and points of interest throughout Colorado. This video makes an ideal tool for anyone planning a motorcycle trip through the Rockies. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

ROAD RACING

(#78A) 1989 Bike GP Compilation
A review of the '89 FIM GP Road Racing season worldwide, as Lawson leads fellow Americans Rainey and Schwantz to sweep 13 US wins in 15 rounds. From Powersports Video. **$39.95**

(#78B) Rainey Days: 1990 GP Review
Follow Wayne Rainey's march to the title, from Suzuka to Phillip Island in this 105-minute blockbuster of an annual review. Probably the best Bike GP Review ever! From Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#78C) '91 GP Review: Another Rainey Day
Wayne Rainey dominates the GP Series for his 2nd consecutive World Championship. Excellent summary coverage from each circuit. 105 minutes from GP Video. **$24.95**

(#78D) 1992 GP Review
Wayne Rainey becomes the first rider since Kenny Roberts to win a third-consecutive 500cc GP World Championship as he assumes the title again in this review of the 1992 500cc GP Series. 3 hours from Duke Video USA. **$49.95**

(#78E) 1993 GP Review
A complete 3-hour video detailing the entire 1993 FIM 500cc Grand Prix Road Racing Series. Follow the triumph and heartbreak of the season with the top GP players including Mick Doohan's amazing comeback, Kocinski's triumphant return to the premiere 500 class, Wayne Rainey's triumph and tragedy, and the crowning of Kevin Schwantz for his first-ever World Championship. All 14 rounds are here - don't miss this great season review. 180 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$44.95**

(#78F) 1994 500cc GP Review
3 hours of terrific 500cc GP action in a memorable season of tough, exciting and dramatic racing. All 14 rounds are covered with extensive camera footage filmed from the air, the track, and on-bike with the top riders. 180 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$49.95**

(#78G) 1995 500cc GP Review
A battler from Brisbane becomes the most successful Australian rider of all time, a Texan hero bids a sad farewell to GP racing, a Superbike sensation from Georgia makes his 500 GP debut...see all the drama and outstanding performances in this official round-up of all 13 rounds of the '95 500cc GP season. 180 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$49.95**

(#78H) 1996 500cc GP Review
Dorna's official review of the best action from all 15 rounds of the 1996 FIM 500cc World Motorcycle GP Championship. From Cadalora's fiery opening-round win at the Malaysian opener to Criville's challenge to the bitter end, you'll see it all as Mick Doohan stayed focused on winning his third consecutive 500cc GP title. 180 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$49.95**

(#79F) 1994 125/250cc GP Review
Watch all the 1994 250cc GP highlights in 90 sensational minutes plus the best of the 125s in 30 minutes, all in one brilliant tape; 120 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$39.95**

(#79G) 1995 125/250cc GP Review
2 hours of close-fought World Championship road racing featuring all the 250cc rounds and the best action from the 125's. Biaggi defends his crown against Harada & Waldmann while teenage star Aoki holds off Perugini, Sakata & the rest in the 125's. Includes plenty of on-bike camera footage. 120 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#79H) 1996 125/250cc GP Review
Two hours of tightly-packed excitement which covers every round of the 15-race 250cc Series and all the highlights of the 125cc GP season. 120 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#9) U.S. Grand Prix 1988
Real Grand Prix road racing for the World Championship revives in America as Steady Eddie Lawson and Fast Jimmy Filice beat the best at Laguna Seca. From Powersports Video. **$33.95**

(#81A) '90 Laguna Seca US Grand Prix
Rainey and Schwantz race clear of a crash-filled field featuring Lawson, Mamola, Gardner, Chili and Magee. 250cc action also included. 52 minutes from GP Video. **$33.95**

(#81B) '91 Laguna Seca US Grand Prix
Different from the NBC/ESPN broadcasts, this video includes complete coverage & commentary of 500 & 250 classes, sidecars too. 52 minutes from GP Video.
$14.95

(#81D) '93 Laguna Seca US Grand Prix
John Kocinski raced the factory Cagiva to glory over Lucky Strike Suzuki's Alex Barros and Marlboro Roberts Yamaha's Luca Cadalora, confirming a straight flush of five American 500cc GP class winners at the California circuit. 55 minutes from Motovideo. **$14.95**

(#407B) 1995 Laguna Seca WSB
Round #7 featuring two legs of WSB Series action as the Aussies rule, and the American homeboys impress at Laguna Seca. 55 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$24.95**

(#41) Bike Experience
Race with Wayne Gardner as you crouch over the handlebars of a 200 mph Grand Prix Honda in actual race conditions! 60 minutes. From Powersports Video. **$34.95**

(#94C) 1992 Isle of Man TT
Fabulous racing in fabulous weather, a host of lap and race records and all the best action on and off the track are captured in this full length video review of TT '92. 115 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$42.95**

(#94D) 1993 Isle of Man TT
This action-packed video follows the champions of the Isle of Man on this 86th running of the TT. Unsurpassed race footage plus on-board cameras on bikes and sidecars put you in the hot seat! For the first time, we show on-screen RPM & speed data from one of the leading RVF Hondas. 100 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$42.95**

(#94E) 1994 Isle of Man TT
"The 11th Milestone"-Hundreds of entries from 19 countries, thousands of fans gathering on the Isle of Man from all corners of the globe, record-breaking race action - you'll see it all in this long-version 120 minute tape from Duke Video USA. **$42.95**

(#94F) 1995 Isle of Man TT
Record-breaking action from the road racing capital of the world on the official video of the Isle of Man TT. 72 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#94G) 1996 Isle of Man TT
Joey Dunlop dominates in this official long-version video of the venerable Isle of Man TT. Featuring fantastic on-bike camera action as the racers take you around the island. 151 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$42.95**

(#93) Mad Sunday: The Fans' TT
Top class road racing might be one good reason to visit the Isle of Man TT, but it sure isn't the only one. Even if you're never lucky enough to experience the fans' TT for real, it's all here: "everything else" you'll ever see besides the racing on the weekend of Mad Sunday. 60 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#76) Rainey's Year - The Inside Story
Triple World Champion Wayne Rainey recalls the challenges, memorable moments and dramas of his 1992 season. From preseason testing to relaxing at his new California home after the final race, this video traces every stage of his difficult year. 75 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#103A) Kevin Schwantz - World Champion
The terrific Texan finally acheived his goal in '93 after a tough season of highs and lows. Follow Kevin's rise to the World Championship title, and go behind the scenes with the champ, his family and the Suzuki team for an in-depth look at what makes Kevin Schwantz tick. 60 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$29.95**

(#103B) Schwantz: GP Year '94
A Grand Prix diary of the world's most exciting GP rider: The drama of this most heroic of all seasons is here, along with the lighter moments as Schwantz enjoys himself as a spectator at the Tour de France, hangs his leathers on the wall of the Hard Rock Cafe and woos the daughter of Argentina's president with a gift of 1,000 roses. 70 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#104) Mick Doohan - Champion
In this extensive profile of super champ Mick Doohan, this video charts the major milestones of his remarkable career from 1992 to 1996. 65 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$29.95**

(#115) Cutting Edge Bikes
Join Mat Oxley as he tests the best of the '94 GP bikes, including Doohan's Honda NSR500, Biaggi's 250cc Aprilia, and Sakata's 125cc Aprilia. This video provides a behind the scenes look at the leading edge of motorcycle racing and development. 72 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#137) 1991 Daytona 200
Enjoy a race that lived up to its billing and provided a fitting 50th birthday celebration for the most famous event in American motorcycle racing history. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$29.95**

(#137A) 1992 Daytona 200
Enjoy the drama as Scott Russell and Doug Polen duel to a photo-finish in one of the most exciting Daytona finishes in history. 60 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$19.95**

(#125) Hogs Wild!
A review of the 1992 U.S. Harley-Davidson TwinSports Championship as Scott Zampach and Mike Hale duel to the finish for the series title. 56 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#248) 1992 AMA Superbike Series Review
Follow the '92 AMA Superbike Series from start to finish as Doug Polen and Scott Russell force a Ducati vs. Kawasaki showdown for the title. 55 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#248A) 1994 AMA Superbike Series Review
Troy Corser, Jamie James, Colin Edwards, Fred Merkel and the rest fight to the finish line in this highlight video of the '94 U.S. Superbike Series. 40 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#248B) 1995 AMA Superbike Series Review
With all the familiar top names (Corser, Edwards and Russell) returning to the WSB wars after the first AMA round at Daytona, the Smokin' Joe's dynamic duo of Mike Hale and Miguel DuHamel stormed their way through the rest of America to return the U.S. Superbike Series title back to the Honda mantle. You'll see highlights from each round in this 47-minute show from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#400A) 1994 World Superbike Series Review
Follow the highlights of each round of the '94 WSB Series as Ducati's Carl Fogarty takes his Ducati down to the wire for the World Championship against defending champion Scott Russell after a season-long battle. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#400B) 1995 World Superbike Series Review
In '95, Carl Fogarty went one better and rewarded his loyal British fans by storming through his second successful WSB Championship on the big Ducati 916. Highlights from all 12 rounds from Hockenheim to Phillip Island, highlighted by interviews with top riders, on-screen graphics, championship positions and behind the scenes footage. 180 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$39.95**

(#400C) 1996 World Superbike Series Review
Follow Troy Corser in his relentless pursuit of his first WSB title for the Ducati factory. On-bike camera footage, a high-revving soundtrack and tons of juicy background info are packed into this three hour review of all 12 rounds of the 1996 World Superbike Series. 180 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$39.95**

TRIALS

(#75) 1995 World Trials Review
Is there no stopping Jordi Tarres? Right from the start of the season the Spanish trials phenomenon continued the roll which had already brought him his record-breaking 6th world title. This comprehensive review of all 10 rounds features a superlative display of concentration, incredible agility and awe inspiring entertainment. 60 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#27) This is Motorcycle Trials
Top trials riders Steve Colley and Sammy Miller explain and demonstrate the art of trials riding, from basic principles to winning techniques. This video also covers the development of trials bikes and the sport over the last 40 years. 60 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$32.95**

(#27A) This is Advanced Motorcycle Trials
Join top international trials competitor Steve Colley on his home training ground in the rugged Isle of Man for this highly entertaining step-by-step guide to advanced trials techniques. 62 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#195) Trials Superstars
If you combined world-class trials with a supercross-style indoors presentation, you might come up with something like this 1996 International Indoor Trial from Britain's Sheffield Arena. Features all the top names in trials in an entertaining circus-like atmosphere. 55 minutes from Duke Video USA.. **$34.95**

(#202A) 1996 NATC Trials: California
Round #1 of the '96 NATC Series opened at the 26th Annual El Trial de Espana classic. This event was held in the high desert area of Lucerne Valley, north of San Bernardino, CA. Top 3 finishers scored only 1 point apart each! 120 minutes from Technovideo. **$24.95**

(#201A) 1996 NATC Trials: Illinois
The 2nd and 3rd rounds of the 1996 US National Trials Championship took place near Mount Olive Illinois. Mark Manniko claimed the 2nd round victory and Ryan Young won the 3rd round. 120 minutes from Technovideo. **$24.95**

(#203) 1995 NATC Trials: PA/NY
Rounds #4 & #5 of the '95 NATC Series from the muddy Candytown, Pennsylvania and Watkins Glen, New York (same location as world round) sites; Aaron and Young split victories. 120 minutes from Technovideo. **$24.95**

(#204) 1995 NATC Trials: Rhode Island
Rounds #6 and #7 of the '95 NATC Series from the Stepping Stone Ranch in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. Lots of spectacular hillsides and rock fields to challenge all skills. 120 minutes from Technovideo. **$24.95**

(#205) 1995 NATC Trials: Colorado
Rounds #8 and #9 of the '95 NATC Series from the Stock Ranch near Canon City, Colorado. Hard, hot riding in high desert/low forest areas. 120 minutes from Technovideo. **$24.95**

(#206) 1995 NATC Trials: Oregon
Rounds #10 & #11 of the '95 NATC Series from Cedar Creek and Diamond Mill near Tillamook, Oregon. Aaron and Young head into

the final round to decide the title in heavy forest (jungle) conditions. 120 minutes from Technovideo. **$24.95**

(#208A) 1996 Wagner Cup World C'Ship Trial
The best in the world came to the Stepping Stone Ranch in West Greenwich, Rhode Island for round #4 of the 1996 World Championship Series. See the American force put on their best effort vs. the world talent of Jordi Tarres, Marc Colomer, Dougie Lampkin and the rest in this double-tape package. 4 hours from Technovideo. **$39.95**

SPEEDWAY

(#45F) 1996 U.S. Speedway National Championship
In one night, winner-take-all format, for the 27th consecutive year, the top 16 speedway racers from the United States meet at Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, California. Bruce Flanders, Terry Clanton and Margo King call the action, with 6 camera locations on this exciting race. 60 minutes from RAZ Video. **$29.95**

DIRT TRACK

(#182) Smooth Moves
A review of the 1990 Camel Pro Series Championship, as Scott Parker and Chris Carr dueled all year for the title. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$34.95**

VINTAGE

(#19) Barry Sheene - Champion
Barry Sheene was arguably Britain's most famous 2-wheeled star. Sheene combined great ability on a motorcycle with a strong cockney character to become Britain's first motorcycle TV personality. This video profiles his career and lifestyle, including his 500cc World Championships and 750cc World Championship. 65 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$29.95**

(#20) Golden Mountain
1961 Isle of Man TT race features Mike Hailwood on the 250 Honda and the Manx Norton, and again in the 1963 Senior 500cc TT. Shows how the sport progressed in just two years. 52 minutes from Duke Video. **$32.95**

(#43) TT Tribute
Featuring Mike the Bike Hailwood on the ill-handling 500 Honda-4 dicing with Giacomo Agostini on the MV in the 1967 Isle of Man TT - classic racing at its best. 69 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#118) Enduring Memories
Original narrated footage of classic enduro competitions, including the 1962 & 1964 Jack Pine Enduro, and the 1959 Greenhorn Enduro. This video illustrates how much the bikes changed the sport in just five years. 45 minutes from Motovideo. **$34.95**

(#15) Mike Hailwood - Champion
Follow Hailwood's outstanding career from winning 3 TT's in 1961 at the age of 21, through 9 World Championship victories in the 60's with MV Agusta & Honda, to his amazing return to racing in the late 70's on Ducati, Yamaha & Suzuki machines. 60 min. from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#16) Kenny Roberts - Champion
This video traces Kenny Roberts' outstanding racing career from the American dirt tracks to his debut and eventual domination of GP road racing in Europe. Kenny discusses the high & low points of his GP career and talks about his new life running a GP team. 69 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#42) Classic Racer Experience
Join Team Obsolete's Dave Roper as they provide a rider's-eye view of racing their 1962 Matchless G50 during the '92 Manx Grand Prix around the Isle of Man TT circuit. 30 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$29.95**

(#8) Castrol History of Motorcycle Racing
This 3-tape/volume collector's set traces the definitive history of motorcycle racing from its earliest roots in Europe to today; Volume 1: How It All Began & the TT; Volume 2: Birth of the Grand Prix & The Japanese Arrival; Volume 3: The Other Champions & Pressure, Money and the Need to Win; total 192 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$80.00**

(#44) Multi-Cylinder Magic
One of the magical memories of motorcycle racing in the 60's and 70's is undoubtedly the throaty music of multi-cylinder machines - a sound rarely heard on Europe's racetracks in the Nineties. Join us for over an hour of colorful aural and visual nostalgia as we relive the special magic of multi-cylinder motorcycles - and the men who made them famous. 70 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#46) Daytona Classics '96
Witness the "Return of the Legends" in 1996 in action, on-bike and behind-the-scenes at Daytona Int'l. Speedway: Geoff Duke on the fully-faired Gilera 500-4; BMW's Battle of the Legends; Giacamo Agostini; MX legend Jeff Smith; BEARS racing; and more. 60 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

ENDURO & DUAL SPORT

(#28) Ride Like the Wind
Five different great off-road adventures: Follow Stephane Peterhansel as he wins some of the great motorcycle rally races worldwide, and join Yamaha's "Spirit of Adventure" riders on tours through Australia, Baja, and Utah. 93 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#77) 1989 International 6-Day Enduro
The 64th Annual ISDE from Walidum, West Germany. 60 minutes from Powersports Video. **$34.95**

(#95) Paris To Dakar 1989
For 21 days, 241 bikes, cars and trucks raced and struggled to complete the formidable transcontinental "raid". See all the highlights from the ground and the helicopter cameras in this toughest race of all. 60 minutes. From Powersports Video. **$34.95**

(#110C) 1993 Blackwater 100
This special extended-length Blackwater video brings you all the mud bogs, river crossings, and difficult mountainous terrain on the infamous Blackwater 100. Narrated by Larry Maiers. 77 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#190) 1993 LA to Barstow to Vegas
Join over 400 riders in the biggest dual sport classic of the year. Enjoy this legendary trail ride on Thanksgiving weekend 1993 as they ride from Los Angeles (Colton), California on Saturday, and continue from Barstow to Las Vegas on Sunday. If you rode this event, you're probably on this video! 110 minutes from After Images Video. **$34.95**

(#210A) 1994 Colorado 500
Join celebrities such as Malcom Smith & Wally Dallenbach for this famous 1000-mile trail ride through Colorado's small towns and Rocky Mountains in late summer '94. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

(#210B) 1995 Colorado 500
A review of some of the highlights of the first 20 years of the Colorado 500, along with a look at the 1995 ride, covering 800 miles of beautiful Rocky Mountain trail riding scenery. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

(#211) 1994 Cycle News Loretta Lynn DS Ride
Get in on the springtime fun at this round of the '94 AMA National Trail Ride Series at the scenic Loretta Lynn's Dude Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. 60 minutes from Kern Video Productions. **$29.95**

(#212) The Trails of Colorado MC Trail Guide
Highlights of 18 different trail systems throughout Colorado. Excellent primer for trail riding and dual sporting in the Colorado Rockies. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

VIDEO MAGAZINES

(#11) Rick Johnson - Profile of a Champion
By John Bradley Entertainment. 78 minutes all about your favorite "Bad Boy." From Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#26) Dangerous Damon Huffman
Meet Damon Huffman at the crossroads of his career as he moves from Suzuki to Kawasaki, and see why he has been tagged as one of the most promising young racers to come through the ranks in years. You'll see Damon at Washougal for a private practice day, and interviews provide insight into this bright young star. 45 minutes from Motovideo. **$34.95**

(#25) Coop: The Guy Cooper Story
The amazing saga of America's most infamous MX racing star. From his humble beginnings to his magnificent racing career, this show will take you on an emotional roller coaster. 45 minutes from Motovideo. **$34.95**

(#57) Ride With Roeseler
It's a virtual-reality ride with Team Kawasaki's 10-time Baja 1000 winner Larry Roeseler! Join speedway legend Gene Woods and ESPN2's Jerry Bernardo for a hilarious visit to the Roeseler home, then on to harass National Enduro Champion Ty Davis. Follow Larry Roeseler along on the trails he used to train to win 10 Baja 1000 events. Combine incredible scenery with great helmet-cam footage with an original music soundtrack for the best off-road riding video ever. 45 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

FREESTYLE & CRASHES

(#121) FLY
Check out this spring' 96 release from Fox...featuring Fox stars Jeremy McGrath, Damon Bradshaw, Mike Metzger, Doug Henry, John Dowd, Kevin Windham, and Serge Guidetty, pulling off incredible aerial maneuvers at places like the Paris and Anaheim Supercrosses, Glamis Dunes, Secret Honda Test Tracks, White Sands, Ocotillo Wells and Gatorback. Music by Single Gun Theory, Eric B. & Rakim, Sprung Monkey, SNFU, NoFX, and Shelter. 35 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#29) The Ultimate Ride
Rider/driver eye views of a wide variety of action and high-risk sports: flying, bobsledding, TT racing on the Isle of Man, rally driving, free-fall parachuting, driving a Lamborghini Diablo, diesel truck racing, karting, hang gliding, power boating, trials riding, skiing, bungee jumping, rollercoasting, and motorcycle GP racing. Features hi-fi sound with "surround sound" effects. 62 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$29.95**

(#61) No Respect
Filmed on location in Hawaii, featuring Brian Deegan, Cliff Adoptante, Larry Linkogle, Jerry Bernardo....and introducing Gerbert. Includes hot new soundtrack and the Kauai Boys. 30 minutes from Motovideo. **$29.95**

(#63) Motocross Wipeout
Hundreds of gnarly crashes featuring slow-motion replays with a music video format. Footage from motocross and supercross events around the country. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#66A) Crash and Burn III
The third in the series from Motovideo, featuring 30 minutes of crashes from Supercross, Enduro, and Motocross. **$24.95**

(#147B) Mud, Sweat & Gears
Wall to wall action with flying mud, endos, loop-outs, and crashes. Footage from Ohio's Treaty City Peace Pipe Enduro shows it's a worthy successor to the gone-but-not-forgotten Blackwater 100. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(176A) Crash Impact II
Over 100 crashes & spectacular mishaps in a dozen categories of motorsports. 55 minutes from Powersports Video. **$24.95**

(#179A) Bike Wars
The most memorable moments of mayhem including Harleys, Superbikes, Dirt Track, Isle of Man, Hillclimb, Blackwater, Pro MX and more. 60 minutes from Powersports Video. **$29.95**

(#120) Terrafirma
The original big air freestyle Fox video featuring wild antics by Doug Henry, Ezra Lusk, Robbie Reynard, Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana, James Stewart, and the King of Rock n' Roll. Soundtrack by Pennywise, Alice in Chains, Lucy's Fur Coat, Future Sounds of London and Soundbox. 35 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#120A) Terrafirma2
Incredible footage of Jeremy McGrath, Doug Henry, Steve Lamson, Robbie Reynard, Mike Metzger, John Dowd, Ezra Lusk, Ricky Carmichael, Pedro Gonzalez, and the late Donny Schmit. Soundtrack by Mad Season, Face to Face, Corrosion, Pennywise, and Sprung Monkey. 45 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#62) WhatUp!
The new generation video from Full Throttle Production that brings out insane aerial maneuvers by featured riders Ty Davis, Jeff Emig, Damon Bradshaw, Mike Craig, Damon Huffman, Ryan Hughes, Kyle Lewis, Phil Lawrence, Marty Smith, Rich Taylor, Ray Sommo, Nathan Fletcher, and introducing "Turtle." Original soundtrack by Royal Crown Review, Crux, Voo Doo Glow Skulls, MXPX, No Fun At All, Malfunction, Youth Brigade, NO FX, Pennywise, and Rancid. 30 minutes from Motovideo. **$29.95**

(#178) Best of Havoc: 2
This Havoc tape brings together the most spectacular variety of motorsports mayhem from 1990 thru 1996. Includes unbelievable crashes & wipe-outs from motocross, truck racing, single-seater midgets racing, rally cars, GP motorcycles, rallycross autos, saloon cars. According to the producer, no racers were seriously hurt in the production of this video. 60 minutes from Duke Video USA. **$34.95**

(#64) Fist Full of Throttle
Set to a high-energy music score, go to remote locations with legends Roger DeCoster, Jeff Ward, Rick Johnson, Bob Hannah and Jeremy McGrath. Filmed in over 20 locations throughout the USA. 24 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#10) Crusty Demons of Dirt
The original out-of-control freestyle video! Jam-packed with free riding, jumping, and aerial insanity all set to a hard rocking soundtrack. Includes one of the most talked-about video scenes ever: Seth Enslow's huge dune crash. Includes action with Jeff Emig, Jeremy McGrath, Ryan Hughes, Mike Metzger, Phil Lawrence, Larry Roeseler and more. (This is the "edited" version)...30 minutes. A Flesh Wound Film distributed by Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#10A) Crusty Demons of Dirt: 2
This sequel is loaded with hardcore riding, jumping, and aerial insanity, all set to a skate/rock soundtrack. Watch these riders go off!....Jeremy McGrath, Jeff Emig, Seth Enslow, Mike Metzger, Ryan Hughes, Joel Albrecht, Mike Healey and more. Locations include California, Oregon, South Africa, Nambia and Mexico. 40 minutes. A Flesh Wound Film distributed by Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#120B) Terrafirma 3
Terrafirma is everything you'd expect in this series and MORE! More locations, riders and insanity! Filmed in France, Australia, Oregon, Utah, Maryland, Michigan, Tennessee, you'll see all the big names in motocross: Jeremy McGrath, Lamson, Metzger, Danny Ham, Dowd, Lee Hogan, Windham, Henry, Bradshaw, Ricky Carmichael. Over 30 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#122) Air Raid
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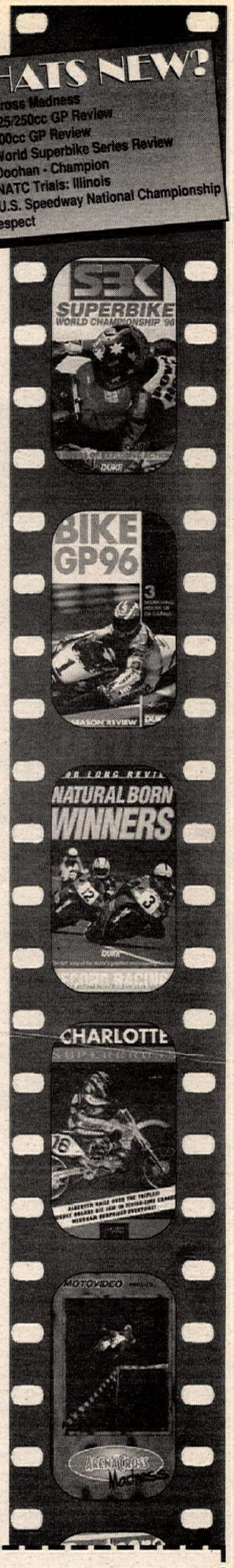

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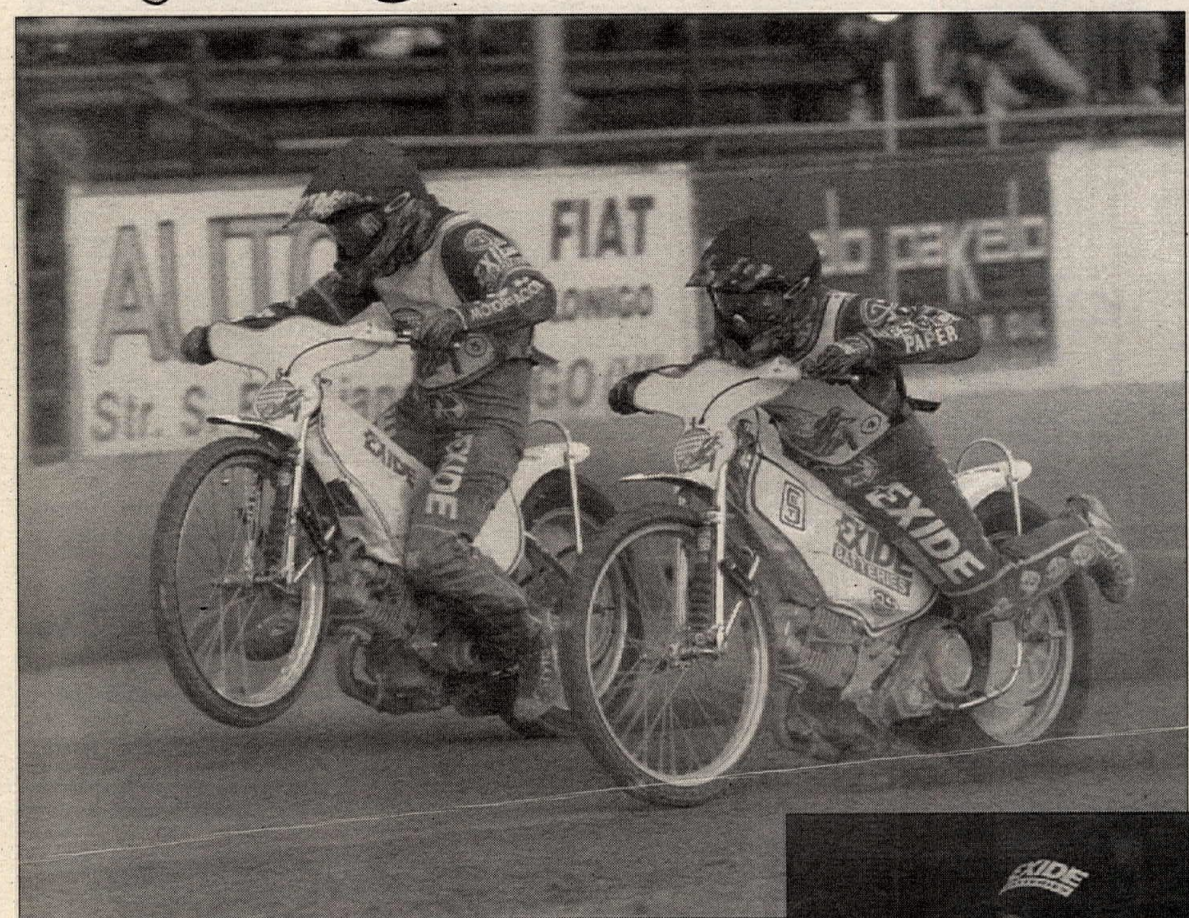


(Left) Bang!: The gate is set to go up on the 1997 Speedway Grand Prix Series where reigning World Champion Billy Hamill (left) and Greg Hancock will be two of the chief contenders for the crown once again.

1997 Grands Prix schedule

Round 1	Prague, Czech Republic	May 17
Round 2	Linkoping, Sweden	June 14
Round 3	Landshut, Germany	July 5
Round 4	Bradford, England	August 9
Round 5	Wroclaw, Poland	August 30
Round 6	Vojens, Denmark	September 20

By John Hipkiss

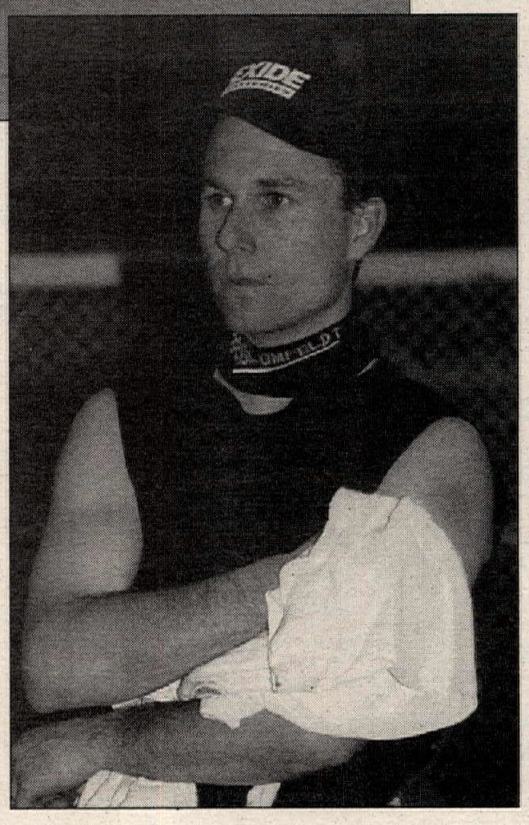
California's Billy Hamill will launch his bid to retain the World Speedway title in Prague, Czech Republic, on May 17, and he firmly believes that he has everything going for him to achieve just that, even though he has tough competition from the same main rivals as last year.

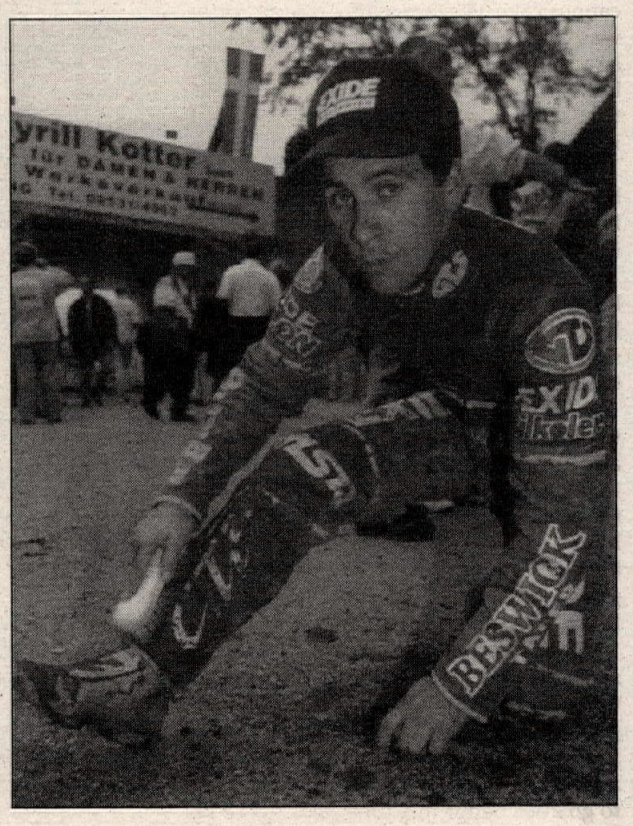
Who can forget that magic night in Vojens, Denmark, when the young speed ace defied the odds to become America's champion in a dramatic fashion reminiscent of Bruce Penhall's title conquests in 1981-82. Since that day, Hamill has taken great strides forward, both on and off the track, with improved business enterprises and a new workshop base in Europe close to his parent British track at Cradley Heath. He has continued to develop into a complete professional and has been totally focused on retaining the title, starting with a good performance in Prague.

"During the winter I managed to take a break from the whole thing," Hamill said. "And that was important because I was so busy throughout the world of speedway racing all last year. I felt refreshed and ready to go when we started again in March, but even though I've not been racing, I was still thinking about various business opportunities."

Hamill said that one such opportunity came along when one of speedway's top engine tuners, Carl Blomfeldt, split from 1993 World Champion Sam Ermolenko after the pair's long stretch together. That was fine by Hamill.

"Carl stayed at our place during the winter for a spell, and we had time to talk about business, and that included me going into 'Bullet Enterprises' along with my mechanic and manager Craig Cummings," Hamill said. "The idea then came about to employ Carl to help us get off the ground in dealing with other riders, but the main aim was to have the best people around to try and help me with the World Championship again. Carl was excited about the idea and so was Craig, so we put a business proposal together, and the guys are working like a true, professional team. If there is ever a problem with my bikes, we are ready to work on it, no matter what the time is."





No time for jokes: Fellow Americans Hamill (right) and Hancock (far right) claim to be more ready than ever for the upcoming GPs. In the off-season, Hamill has devoted time to putting together a new business venture while Hancock spent another winter racing in Australia.

For that reason Hamill said that he really believes he could not be better equipped than he is to go and defend the title, and that that's what he needed, because he knows that the other riders will be wanting to take his championship away, and he wants to be ready for them. In the meantime, Hamill said that he has tried to handle the responsibility of being World Champion to the best of his ability, such as making the usual TV and radio appearances in England, all the while working to ensure that he didn't neglect the hard work of racing a speedway bike until the wheels fall off.

"Since the regular British speedway season started, I have brought out my own merchandise, which is exclusive to Billy Hamill," Hamill said. "And I also have my own telephone information line, which people can dial into and listen to me talking about my schedule and performances."

Hamill said that it has all come about through his strong will to be a true and professional champion, both on and off the track. He is cognizant of the fact that in the sport of speedway, you never have a long reign at the top, and you never know what's around the corner. But for Hamill, right now, the opening Grand Prix at Prague is what he is trying to concentrate on, and he knows that his competitors will be gunning for him.

"Hans Nielsen is sure to be a threat, and that's understandable because he keeps himself fit," Hamill said. "After he lost the title to me so late last season, I get the feeling that he'll be even hungrier to show a guy 10 years younger that you can't beat experience. I have the greatest respect for Hans, and I will need to be as sharp as I have been to become World Champion again."

But it doesn't stop there as Hamill is well aware that another stiff challenge may come from his friend, countryman and longtime teammate Greg Hancock.

"I've enjoyed Grand Prix racing because every race is a tough challenge, and my good buddy Greg has made a better start to the season than me in England," Hamill said. "He has really been flying, and I know that he'll be desperate to win the title. To be honest, if I am not to win it this year, then I hope that Greg does, because he is a fabulous rider, and I think he will be champion one day.

(Above) The challengers: Swedes Peter Karlsson (left) and Henka Gustafsson (right) are hoping to put together that dream season which will see either of them win their first world title, while four-time World Champion Hans Nielsen of Denmark (center) has designs on a fifth crown. (Right) Former World Champion Tony Rickardsson believes he has what it takes to win a second championship under the GP format. Rickardsson was the last man ever to win a one-off World Final for the title.

"As for the Prague track, I've been looking at videos to try and get some inside information on the place because my knowledge is limited," Hamill said. "It's important to get the series off to a good start, and I feel confident that I can do that, but I know it will be tough."

And what of the man whose crown Hamill robbed last year? Nielsen is still hurting from the last-gasp defeat in his home country last September as the Dane looks forward to having a go at adding to his four world titles.

"I won't pretend that it was easy to take when Billy won after I had been leading the series all the way through," Nielsen said. "Although I was quick to congratulate him, I was very upset deep down. I could see my chances slipping away after a couple of rides, and Billy was just on fire that night. It also proved to me again that whatever lead you build up in this sport, you cannot take anything for granted. Billy was always within reach, and I managed to keep him within arm's length, but he came on strong at the end, and that's when I knew I was up against it."

Nielsen admitted that Hamill has been a good champion, but the "Main Dane" wants everyone to know that he is up for the challenge again.

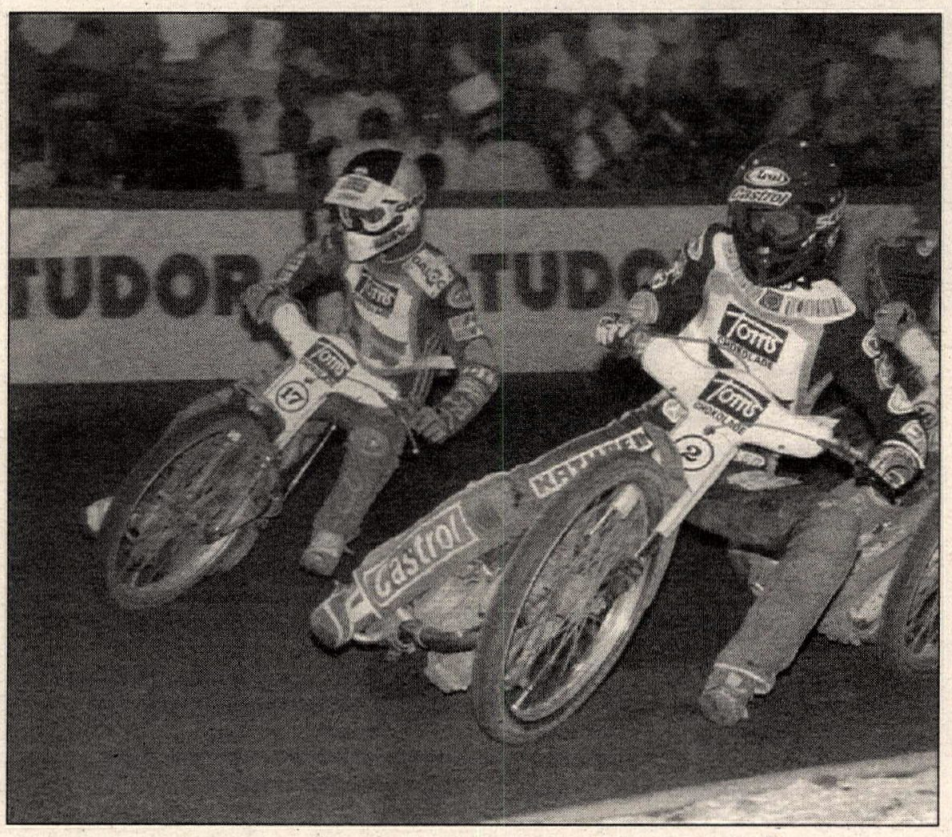
"I believe that this year's title could be decided on the last round, just like last year's, but I feel I can make a good start in Prague and signal my intentions," Nielsen said.

Nielsen said that he still has the will to win and that he thinks he can, but he also has to admit that it will be tougher than ever because of the great riders in the series. One of them is Hancock, who had a good winter in Australia, not just because of his successful racing program but because of his engagement to longtime girlfriend Joanne.

"Life is sweet right now," Hancock said. "I'm really happy with the way things are going, particularly as I feel in good shape going into the meeting in Prague. To finish third last year gave me a taste of what I can achieve, and I hope to go even better this time around. To be World Champion is all I ever want from the sport, and I know I did well last year, but we need to do it all over again."

Swedes Henka Gustafsson and Tony Rickardsson are both expected to be up there challenging for a rostrum place at least. Both have been regarded as riders who are among the most spectacular in the world, and Rickardsson carries the distinction of being the last man to win the World Championship under the old, one-day format, having earned the gold in 1994. Since then, however, the Swede admits to having not quite done enough to be up there with the likes of Nielsen and Hamill.

"Over the last two years, I have been challenging with the rest of them for a time, but there has always been something to stand in my way," Rickardsson said. "Now I want to make sure that I can put six good rounds together. I feel pretty good about it because I've had the winter off for the first time in a while. I usually go to Australia, but I decided the best thing to do was stay at home and relax and feel much better for it this time, although it has taken me a bit longer to get into the swing of things."



(Left) Sweden's Mikael Karlsson (left), shown here dicing with Hans Nielsen (right), will be having his second go at the Grands Prix. The former World Under 21 Champion is the brother of Peter Karlsson.

Nonetheless, Rickardsson said that he hopes to be reaching peak fitness by the time he gets to Prague, which should make him as sharp as the rest of his competitors.

Gustafsson remains ambitious, but he is also keen to take one step at a time. First and foremost, that means securing his place in the 1998 Grands Prix.

"I have always seemed to mess one ride up in every meeting, and yet a lot of time I have been able to beat riders like Billy and Hans," Gustafsson said. "People tell me they like to see me because I am spectacular, but that means nothing to me when I get out on the track and try and race, because I want to win rather than entertain."

To win the championship, Gustafsson said that he will need to be consistent from the start.

"I think I can do well," Gustafsson said. "But it's important to make a good start in the series, knowing that you are back in the top eight for next year, and then take it from there."

Also ones to watch will be Swedish brothers Peter and Mikael Karlsson. Both ride for Wolverhampton in the British League, and both won league titles last season. Mikael Karlsson also did well enough in the Grand Prix Challenge meeting last October to secure a second chance at Grand Prix racing; he failed the first time out two years ago when he qualified as the World Under 21 Champion.

"I feel better prepared this time, and I think I now have that extra experience to cope with the big boys in world racing," Mikael Karlsson said. "It will be just as tough, but I've beaten the top boys in British League and back home in Sweden, so there is no reason why I can't go out and beat them at this level. I have studied my racing technique and other areas where I feel I need to improve, and I feel that has worked perfectly."

Big brother Peter, meanwhile, finished on the rostrum in last season's German Grand Prix, which gave him a taste of the big time. The Swede could have what it takes to make an impression, but it may be more realistic to assume that the Karlsson brothers will have to wait another year or two before challenging for the title. Peter Karlsson doesn't think so.

"Many people have said that to me," Peter Karlsson said. "And I want to go out and prove them wrong. I believe I can do it. I have enough experience under my belt now to go and beat the riders at this level on a regular basis, and I also have the determination in the first turn to mix it up with them. I haven't made the best of starts in league racing with Wolverhampton, but there have been reasons for that and I know what those reasons are right now. I can see me getting it right in Prague."

Brian Andersen of Denmark is another popular young rider who has qualified for the Grands Prix this year, and like Mikael Karlsson, Andersen did so from the GP Challenge. The former World Under 21 Champion is partnering with Greg Hancock at Coventry in the British League this season and believes that this is helping him improve as a rider.

"To have Greg alongside me is brilliant, and it's good for the team as well," Andersen said. "I have already learned a fair bit from having Greg on the same team. It will be a new thing for me in the Grands Prix, but I really believe I can make a good go of it even though it will be very tough."

The Grand Prix series is set to roar into action again, and if this year's result remains in doubt until the final race of the final round like last year's did, then speedway fans could be in for a real treat. Many felt that the magic of the one-off World Final could never be replaced, but the excitement, thrills and spills of last year have proven that not to be the case. CN

Muddy hell

(Left) Joel Smets took the overall win after topping both muddy motos. (Below) Bernd Eckenbach broke away to a 20-second lead during the first half of moto one but crashed and finished eighth.

By Alex Hodgkinson

PAYERNE, SWITZERLAND, APR. 24

It didn't snow at the fourth round of the world 500cc MX series - it was much worse than that! Persistent foul weather, primarily rain, turned the Combremont-le-Petit track in western Switzerland into a boggy mess with seemingly bottomless ruts and even forced the exclusion of part of the course. It was so bad that reigning champion Shayne King was lapped in race two - and he was running sixth.

One week earlier Joel Smets had complained that the race in snowy Sittendorf would be reduced to a lottery and the winner would owe his finish as much to luck as skill. After dominating both races in Switzerland - winning by half a minute in moto one and then by nearly two the second time out - even the Belgian had to admit his good fortune.

"Yes, I got lucky this week," Smets said. "I rode well but I've been sick all week and I'm sure I could not have won both races here if conditions had been drier. The mud made the pace slower, which was just what I needed."

Gert Jan Van Doorn was second overall after 7-2 finishes while Shayne King, 3-6 on the day, was third.

Heavy overnight rain on Friday and Saturday had already left the Combremont track deeply rutted, and the lower reaches of the course had already been eliminated before more rain heralded the start of race one.

"It's much worse than last week," Nicoll said. "The ruts are going to get bottomless."

It was as though he had a premonition of the fate which would befall him while he led the second moto, but more on that later.

Nicoll grabbed the holeshot in the first moto, riding along the virgin turf on the inside line, but was demoted to third at the second turn.

"My own fault," Nicoll said. "I wanted to get a long sweeping run at the hill and both (Bernd) Eckenbach and (Gert Jan) Van Doorn dived inside."

Eckenbach showed excellent form in the difficult conditions and led by 20 seconds after 15 minutes, but "then I fell the first time. My gloves were muddy so I was having difficulty holding on and Smets was able to get past me. The second time I fell it seemed like an eternity before I could get going again. It was in a turn at the bottom of the track and my gloves were so muddy by then that I had to throw them away to pick up the bike. I had tucked a cloth in my belt and I wrapped that round the throttle grip for the rest of the race."

It is compulsory to wear gloves but fortunately no one protested the German and he kept his eighth-place finish.

Champion Shayne King was third after crashing once, while his elder brother Darryll was in sixth after losing his drive and a place to Peter Johansson late in the race as they went up the main climb. Younger brother Damien Johansson crashed on the opening lap, breaking a leg.

By half distance Nicoll, who had at one point been down to fifth after losing the front end on a downhill, was back on Smets' rear wheel. He didn't remain there, however.

"The sweatband on my forehead fell down over my eyes and I had to stop to rip it out." Nicoll said.

And so the first two places went to the riders who made the fewest mistakes, namely Smets and Andrea Bartolini. The Italian surprised himself with his restraint.

"I was alongside Nicoll at the first turn but someone hit my rear wheel going to the second turn and that dropped me to ninth," Bartolini said. "I told myself not to panic and make more mistakes and it paid dividends. I was ready to pounce every time someone else made a mistake and was second at the finish."

Although the sun showed its face for the second moto, conditions were getting worse. Nicoll's experience - he swept into the lead at half distance only to find himself stuck in a rut and ultimately finished out of the points - showed just how difficult conditions were.

"I ground to a halt in a deep rut at the back of the track," Nicoll said. "I was stuck there with the frame jammed into the mud and the rut was so deep that the rear wheel was spinning in fresh air. I had to stop the engine and physically lift the wheels out of the rut. I was shattered physically after that. It was just torture to get to the finish. I must have crashed six more times."

Smets, who had taken the holeshot and led the race until he crashed at the bottom of the track, reinherited the lead after Nicoll's misfortune and went on to win by a two-minute margin despite another fall trying to lap Keith Bowen.

The King brothers also had some drama of their own. Darryll had to recover from a multiple-bike pileup in the first corner while running around eighth, and Shayne was more than a little groggy in sixth after he had fallen while running second at the 30-minute mark and was run over by Peter Johansson.

Bartolini, meanwhile, had charged like a bull after a poor start but was back in the paddock after 20 minutes.

"I don't know how many laps I did, but I fell on every single one of them," the Italian said.

Trampas Parker simply never figured in to the main fight. The two-time World Champion pulled out twice, having never gotten higher than 16th in race one or 11th in race two.

Bowen on the other hand reveled in the conditions and, one day before his 31st birthday, scored his first GP points in Europe with 13th-place finishes in each moto.

"It was pretty difficult out there, but it was also kind of fun," Bowen said. "It was a matter of keeping going and letting others give you places when they crashed. I gave a few back too." CN

Swiss 500cc GP
Combremont-le-Petit, Switzerland
Results: April 24, 1997 (Round 4 of 12)

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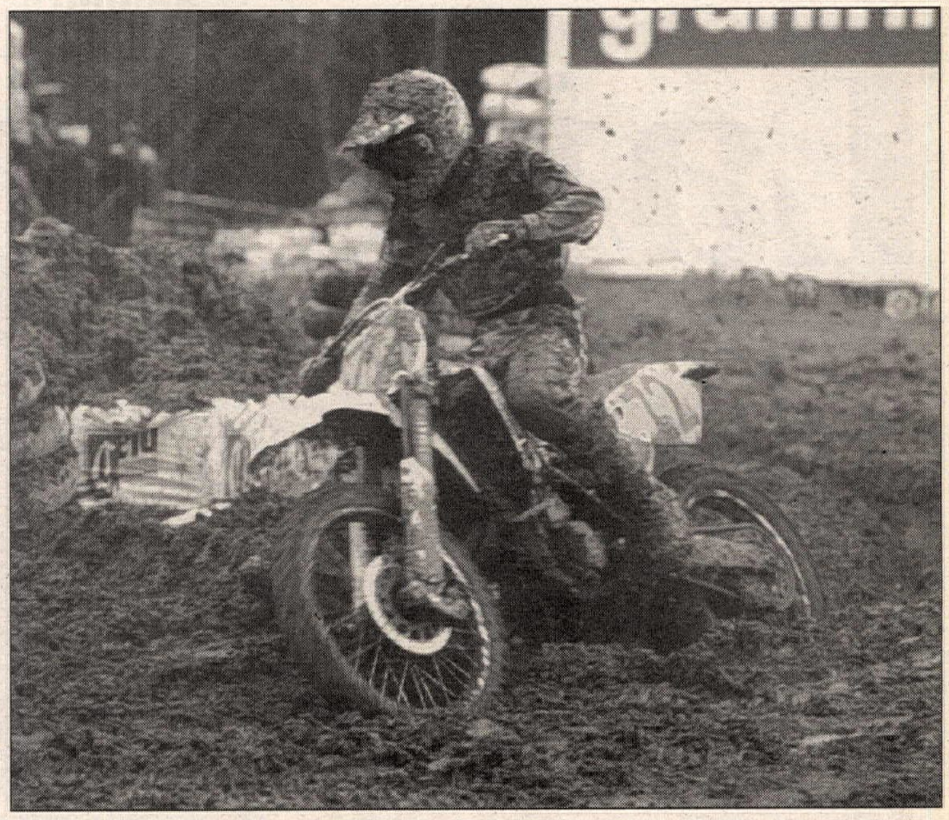
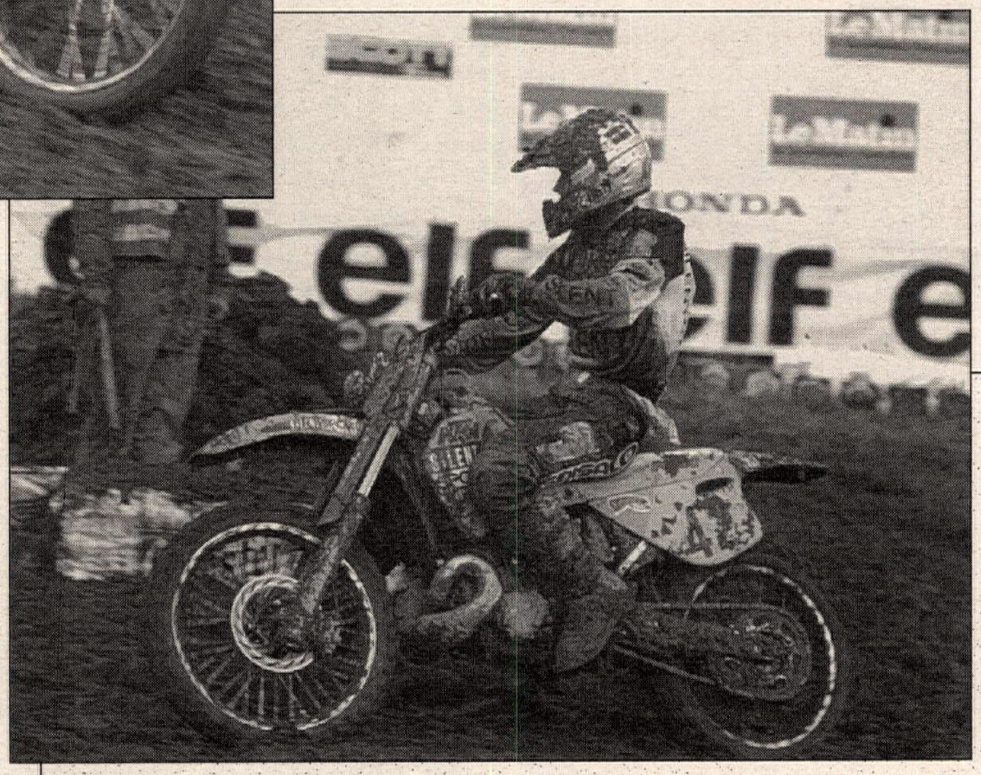
Upcoming Rounds:
Round 5 - Jinin, Czech Republic, June 1
Round 6 - Halle, Holland, June 8



(Left) After fighting his way to 7-2 moto finishes, Gert Jan Van Doorn ended the day second overall. (Right) Italian Andrea Bartolini kept his head during the first moto to finish second but crashed on every lap during moto two. He finished seventh overall. (Below) Michigan's Keith Bowen scored the first GP points of his career with a pair of 13th-place finishes.



World Championship 125cc MX Series
Round 3: Spanish GP

Rain in Spain

BELLPUIG, SPAIN, APR. 20

Incessant rain from Friday morning hit the Spanish plain 60 miles west of Barcelona but could not prevent the third round of the 125cc World MX Championship series from going ahead - and the result was a win for 1994 champ Bob Moore ahead of his successor Sandro Puzar.

Each ex-champ took a moto win and in the process lopped off at least 10 points from the margin between them and the series leaders Chicco Chiodi and Frederic Vialle. The quartet now forms a fairly tight breakaway group in the standings.

Moore had moved masterfully from an initial 10th to take the lead of the first moto before half distance, but a rare mistake in race two after he had holeshot dropped him to third.

Bader Manneh failed to score after finishing 20-17. CN

Spanish 125cc GP
Bellpuig, Spain
Results: April 20, 1997 (Round 3 of 12)

MOTO 1: 1. Bob Moore (Yam); 2. Chicco Chiodi (Yam); 3. Frederic Viallle (Yam); 4. Sandro Puzar (TM); 5. Xavier Colomer (TM); 6. Thomas Traversini (Hus); 7. Erik Eggens (Hon); 8. Nicolas Charlier (Kaw); 9. Jerome Hemery (Suz); 10. Matthias Nilsson (Kaw); 11. Marcel Van Drunen (Hon); 12. Johnny Aubert (Kaw); 13. Alex Belometti (Kaw); 14. Mickael Maschio (Hon); 15. Brian Kjaer Jorgensen (Hon).

MOTO 2: 1. Sandro Puzar (TM); 2. Mickael Maschio (Hon); 3. Bob Moore (Yam); 4. Claudio Federici (Hus); 5. David Vuillemin (Yam); 6. Michele Fanton (Kaw); 7. Jerome Hemery (Suz); 8. Luigi Seguy (TM); 9. Frederic Vialle (Yam); 10. Chicco Chiodi (Yam); 11. Petri Jarvela (Kaw); 12. Erik Eggens (Hon); 13. Andi Kanstinger (Hon); 14. Marcel Van Drunen (Hon); 15. James Dobb (Suz).

O/A: 1. Bob Moore (Yam); 2. Sabdro Puzar (TM); 3. Chicco Chiodi (Yam); 4. Frederic Vialle (Yam); 5. Mickael Maschio (Hon); 6. Jerome Hemery (Suz); 7. Claudio Federici (Hus); 8. Erik Eggens (Hon); 9. David Vuillemin (Yam); 10. Xavier Colomer (TM).

125cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES POINTS STANDINGS (After 3 of 12rounds): 1. Chicco Chiodi (96/1 win); 2. Frederic Vialle (78/1); 3. Sandro Puzar (73); 4. Bob Moore (72/1); 5. Claudio Federici (54); 6. Mickael Maschio (53); 7. Xavier Colomer (41); 8. Nicolas Charlier (35); 9. Luigi Seguy (35); 10. Michele Fanton (31); 11. David Vuillemin (30); 12. Thomas Traversini (28); 13. Alex Belometti (26); 14. Philippe Dupasquier (24); 15. Erik Camerlengo (20); 16. Jerome Hemery (16); 17. Erik Eggens (16); 18. Bader Manneh (11); 19. Brian Kjaer Jorgensen (9); 20. Marcel Van Drunen (8).

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 4 - Schwanenstadt, Austria, May 4
Round 5 - Maggiora, Italy, May 11

Briefly...

The situation in the **Vertemati** team has been growing increasingly tense with team rider Trampas Parker a little unhappy with his situation. "The bike ran a lot better on Sunday morning in Austria once we had changed the ignition," Trampas Parker said. "I already had the problems in Italy. I'd do better if we could get the weight down as well. When Mike Young rode it it was 110-112 kilograms (240 pounds) but this year it is going through technical control at 118 (260). I don't even have a bike to practice on. All I have is a 125cc Honda which was loaned to me by Roberto Solva who does the suspension for us." Team boss Alvaro Vertimati countered by saying, "When we see the results, then I bring the engine with magnesium casings."

Tallon Vohland hopes to be able to race in the French 250cc GP on May 11. "The break to Tallon's shoulder blade at the Italian GP was a clean one," a Yamaha spokesman said. "It is not possible to plate or screw the break so we can only hope for it to knit together naturally. His shoulder has been put in a cast and that will come off on Thursday, May 8, for him to try to ride that afternoon. If he feels okay then he will travel to France for the GP at the weekend."

Keith Bowen has a new mechanic. After Doug Harvey decided to return home, the 30-year-old Bowen, riding for the Silent Sport team which helped Shayne King to the world title last year, has been joined by 125cc U.S. National Pro Jesse Thumser from Dayton, Ohio. The pair have known each other for just over a year and the injured Thumser was out of racing action for the time being anyway. "I dislocated my shoulder two weeks ago," Thumser said. "When Keith called it seemed like a nice way to see Europe and let my shoulder recover."

The first GP fuel test failures of 1997 have already occurred. Despite a loosening of standards, 250cc TM rider Ivan Lazzarini and 125cc Suzuki privateers Jerome Hemery and Alejandro Perez have all fallen afoul of the FIM regulations and all face disqualification from, as appropriate, the Dutch 250cc and French 125cc GPs. None scored points in either race though each qualified. Hemery then finished seventh overall in Spain last weekend, but those points are safe. Hemery's second-moto holeshot at Pernes now takes on a whole new significance. The riders have 10 days to appeal to have their counter-samples tested but this seems unlikely. The Italian had a lead content three times over the permissible limit (itself at least 10 times over the expected figure from legal "lead-free" pump fuel), while the lead and octane figures from the 125cc duo indicated that readings appropriate to the outlawed but freely available Avgas (i.e. motor octane norm of just over 100; 90 is the FIM limit) and lead content of 0.3 g/l (0.13 is permissible). Lazzarini's reading is appropriate for leaded super.

Andrea Bartolini's **YZM400F** appeared with Kayaba suspension front and rear in Austria and Switzerland after the recent 10-day testing session with Yamaha chief engineer Masakazu Shiohara in Italy. "I would not say that the KYB is better than Ohlins, but I have ridden most of my career with upside-down forks and Ohlins said they could not provide these when I already asked for them back in November," Bartolini said. "It is better to work with one suspension firm for both front and rear so I now also have a KYB shock." Kayaba, who already supply the Yamaha 250cc GP team in preference to the Yamaha-owned Ohlins, are clearly taking the matter seriously and sent a technician to Sittendorf to work solely for Bartolini. Although Shiohara has now returned to Japan, development engineer Ken Suzuki, who spent five years working with former 250cc road race World Champion Tetsuya Harada, arrived in Europe on Thursday and will remain with the team for the rest of the season.

Kurt Nicoll had spent two days in Jinin, venue for the Czech GP, prior to the Austrian round for testing with White Power. His second qualifying time, just a fraction of a second behind Bartolini, confirmed his claim that the tests had been beneficial. KTM competition chief Heinz Kinigadner also said that Shayne King, still using orthodox WP suspension, would be testing the PDS system thoroughly during the month-long break in the schedule after the Swiss GP.

Having squeezed through qualification at the last minute in Italy, Belgian GP winner **Avo Leok** was eliminated on Saturday in Sittendorf after posting only the 30th time (20 qualify) in his group. A week later in Switzerland Leok was again eliminated on Saturday.

Lafferty again

By Davey Coombs

SHELTON, WA, APR. 20

For the third time in four events, Team KTM Sportmotorcycles' Mike Lafferty scored the overall win in the AMA National Enduro Championship Series. This time Lafferty, from Millville, New Jersey, mastered a loosely packed trail of more than 100 miles to better Kawasaki factory pilot Ty Davis and SCR Yamaha's Randy Hawkins to extend his points lead over these two riders in the title chase. Rounding out the top five overall were Honda-mounted Matt Stavish and New Englander Kevin Hines.

"I thought I blew it," said a relieved Lafferty after being officially declared as the winner. "Going into the last 40-mile section, I had a two-point lead, but I had so many things go wrong that I thought Randy and Ty had caught me. My brake pedal broke off to the point where there was only a piece sticking off, and that happened right off the bat. I lost my goggles after I hit a ditch so hard they flew off, and then right before I got to the end, I ran out of gas. Even with all that trouble I kept going and going and it turned out that Ty and I had the same exact scores, so I was okay for the win."

Lafferty was helped into the winner's circle by mechanic Alan Randt.

The fourth round of the 1997 AMA National Enduro Series was hosted by the Puget Sound Enduro Riders near Shelton, Washington, on a long, fairly fast trail measuring more than 100 miles in length, most of which was covered with shallow pools of water.

"The course was pretty much wide-open stuff but it was fun, even with all the water and all," Lafferty said of the course. "It wasn't really muddy, but instead had a lot of gravel and hard stone. When it rained it just made huge mud puddles everywhere. That was the crappy part, because it rained in the morning, but at the end of the day it was really nice, but the trail stayed really wet. We were just getting splashed all day long."

(Above) KTM's Mike Lafferty recorded his third win of the AMA National Enduro Series in Washington, extending his series lead over Randy Hawkins. (Right) A slipping clutch hurt Hawkins' chances, and he would finish up in third right behind Ty Davis.

"It was typical Washington weather and that defined the race," said Hawkins, the multi-time AMA National Enduro Series Champion. "It was a hard-packed terrain and a lot of splashy mud, not the thick stuff. In the afternoon it actually started to get tacky."

The final tallies for the long run would begin with a low tally of 29 for Lafferty, followed by Davis (31), Hawkins and Stavish (36 apiece), and CRE-mounted Hines (41), Minnesota's Craig Holasek (43) and Kawasaki rider Scott Bright (46). Three Washington natives rounded out the top 10 overall: Rob Flagler (48), Gary Furrenes (50) and Brian Bennett (51). The highest-finishing non-AA rider was 250cc A winner Bright, who hails from Greeley, Colorado.

"Before the first gas there was a long section with a check-in, a check in the middle, and a check at the end," Lafferty described of the section where he built his early lead. "I beat both Ty and Randy by a minute at the middle check and both at the end. Going into the last section I had two minutes on Ty and maybe three on Randy. I was sitting pretty good going into the last section."

"The trail started out in the morning with a 6-mile section through the clear-cut and then on and off some Jeep roads and some tight stuff," Hawkins said. "If I'm not mistaken, Mike went 2:50, Ty went 2:51 and I went 3:08. We all pretty much zeroed into the next check and the first gas stop. The next section Mike went three-nine and Ty and I each showed a four. We pretty much were all together for a while after that."

"We had three or four late checks and then we tied throughout the whole thing, so I still had my two minutes in tact," Lafferty said of the endgame. "I had Randy by three or four but he ran out of gas as well, and he doesn't have reserve, so he lost a few more minutes over that. I just kept going and charged, and I pulled it off. But when I came to the end I thought I'd blown it. I figured that those guys would ride trouble-free and make up all the time on me. I kept saying to myself, 'I'm losing it! I'm losing it!' Turns out I didn't lose the time at all."

"I was losing points early in the day when my clutch started slipping," Hawkins admitted. "I was riding well, but I've been having these little problems that all add up. We just haven't worked all the bugs out. I made a point back up later in the day and might have had a shot at him if I hadn't run out of gas. I used a big tank, but with the clutch slipping I was revving high. Otherwise, I pretty much had them covered."

Lafferty nearly ran out of gas at the end as well.

"I don't know why I ran out of gas or why Randy ran out," Lafferty mused. "It was real wet and slick and muddy, so we were revving the bikes a lot. It was about as close to 40 miles as you can get. I guess I'm a gas hog anyway; I go through gas like nothing. With my reserve I can go another seven or eight miles and Randy can't."

As far as the rest of the enduro series goes, Lafferty feels confident about his chances for a first-ever AMA National Championship. "I've won three out of four and I got second the other time, so you can't ask for a much better start than that. I just want to keep the momentum going and keep riding smart. My bike is set up perfectly; I don't have to do a lot of experimenting like Randy does after he switched from Suzuki to Yamaha. I feel that I have the confidence to just keep going and going now."

"Michael is riding really well right now and I can't take anything away from him," Hawkins said. "His confidence is up, he's having fun and he's been having zero problems. It's time to think of it as a whole new series. I've got five races left and I need to beat Mike from here on out if I want to keep this number-one plate. I've also ridden better when I'm behind, when there's a little bit of pressure on me. I just have to keep my head down and keep digging. I usually don't start riding my best until the summer, and it's almost time. Actually, with the way Mike's been riding, I don't think any of us have a lot of time left." CN

Washing National Enduro
Shelton, Washington
Results: April 20, 1997 (Round 4 of 9)

O/A: 1. Mike Lafferty (KTM); 2. Ty Davis (Kaw); 3. Randy Hawkins (Yam); 4. Matt Stavish (KTM); 5. Kevin Hines (CRE); 6. Craig Holasek (KTM); 7. Scott Bright (Kaw); 8. Rob Flagler (Yam); 9. Gary Furrenes (Yam); 10. Brian Bennett (Yam); 11. Jamie Vaughn (Hon); 12. Ray Simpson (CRE); 13. Dan Harte (KTM); 14. Scott Hofmann (KTM); 15. Rob Riley (Yam); 16. Jeff Odom (Hon); 17. Tate Matherly; 18. Steve Haugland; 19. Mark Holasek (KTM); 20. Jeff Micone (Suz).

AA: 1. Mike Lafferty (KTM); 2. Ty Davis (Kaw); 3. Randy Hawkins (Yam); 4. Matt Stavish (KTM); 5. Kevin Hines (CRE).

OPEN A: 1. Scott Hoffman (KTM); 2. Steve Haugland (Hon); 3. Mark Molasek (KTM); 4. Forrest Tobin (KTM); 5. Ken Oakland (Kaw).

200 A: 1. Bob Riley (Yam); 2. Phillip Stevens (Kaw); 3. Bill Rush (Suz); 4. Lori Taylor (Suz); 5. Doug Micone (Kaw).

4-STRK A: 1. Dan Harte (KTM); 2.Tim Mount (Hon); 3. Scott Sherbert (Hon); 4. James Thomas (Hon); 5. Peter Giese (Hon).

250 A: 1. Scott Bright (Kaw); 2. Rob Flagler (Yam); 3. Gary Furrenes (Kaw); 4. Jamie Vaugh (Hon); 5. Ray Simpson (CRE).

VET A: 1. Ron Bumbolz (Yam); 2. David Phillips (Suz); 3. Richard Sparks (Hon); 4. Michael Ritzman (Yam); 5. Ron Gisle (Hon).

SR A: 1. Robert Lewis (Suz); 2. Lyle Duronso (Suz); 3. Kevin Davis (CRE); 4. Chuck Steahly (Hon); 5. Tony Niemela (Suz).

250 B: 1. Jeff Micone (Suz); 2. Eric Bee (Suz); 3. Jeremy Thomas (Hon); 4. Charles Fallon (KTM); 5. Craig Bowman (Yam).

OPEN B: 1. Brian Turner (Yam); 2. Jerry Lee (Kaw); 3. Chris Slechta (Hon); 4. Nick Wilson (Hon); 5. Gary Badgley (KTM).

200 B: 1. Chuck Lider (Kaw); 2. Kent Reynolds (Kaw); 3. Derek Steahly (Hon); 4. Gerrit Hamilton (CRE); 5. Don Zender (Hon).

4/STRK B: 1. Dan Warner (Hon); 2. Scott Hinton (Hon); 3. Richard Blackburn (Hon); 4. Troy Swettenam (Suz); 5. Bryan Stealy (Hon).

S/SR: 1. Keith Ratcliff (Hon); 2. Len Faltyn (Kaw); 3. John Tobin (KTM); 4. Richard Claypoole (Hon); 5. Robert Aitken (Hon).

SR B: 1. Thomas West (KTM); 2. Dennis Keyser (KTM); 3. Mark Higinbotham (KTM); 4. Steve Bottger (KTM); 5. Mike Ellis (Hon).

VET B: 1. Robert White (Yam); 2. Brian Brown (Kaw); 3. Koby Todd (Kaw); 4. Steve Svedarsky (Kaw); 5. Kevin Hickerson (Beta).

SPRTSMN: 1. Norman Swaffield (Kaw); 2. Gary Turner (Yam); 3. James Roe (KTM); 4. David Lorengo (Kaw); 5. Raymond Weber (Hon).

C: 1. Todd Keezer (Yam); 2. Rich Bankuti (Suz); 3. Dan Hagerman (KTM); 4. Danny Kirkpatrick (Suz); 5. Brent Ferguson (Hon).

AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENDURO SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 4 of 9 rounds): 1. Mike Lafferty (115/3 wins); 2. Randy Hawkins (88); 3. Ty Davis (80/1); 4. Matt Stavish (47); 5. Craig Holasek (34); 6. Kevin Hines (32); 7. Donnie Book (31); 8. Forrest Tobin (25); 9. Scott Bright (23); 10. Duane Conner (21).

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 5 - Wellston, Ohio, May 4
Round 6 - Akeley, Minnesota, June 29

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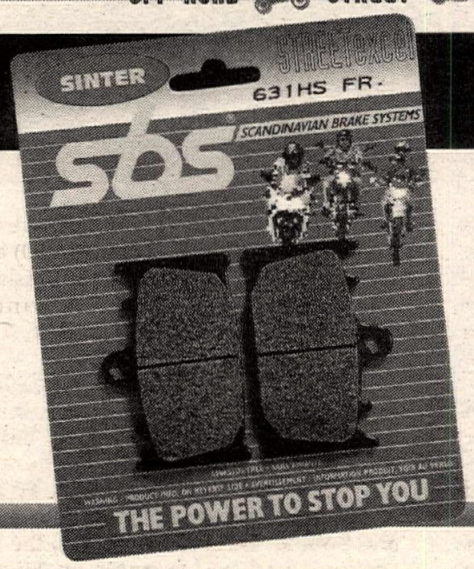

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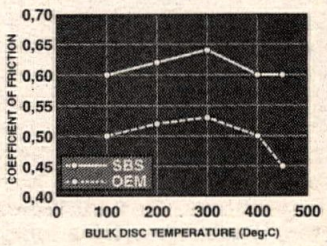

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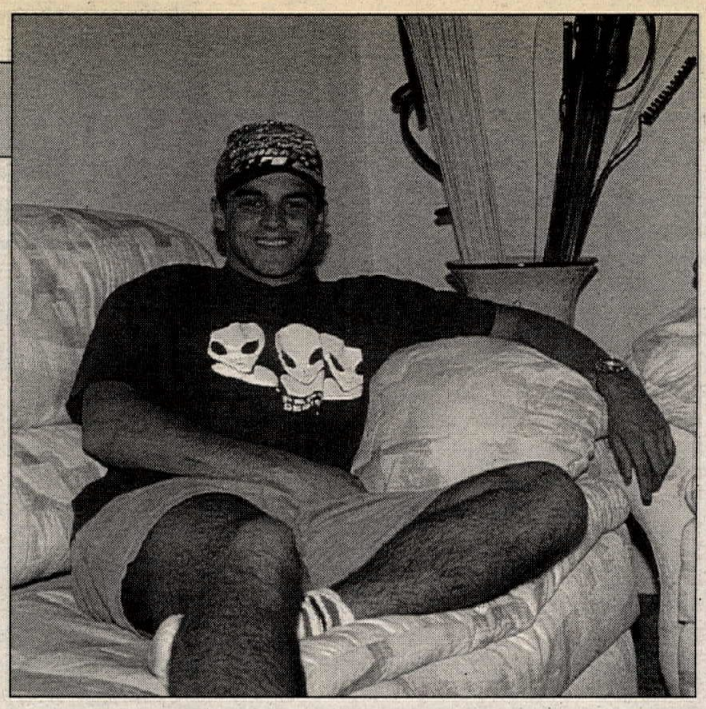


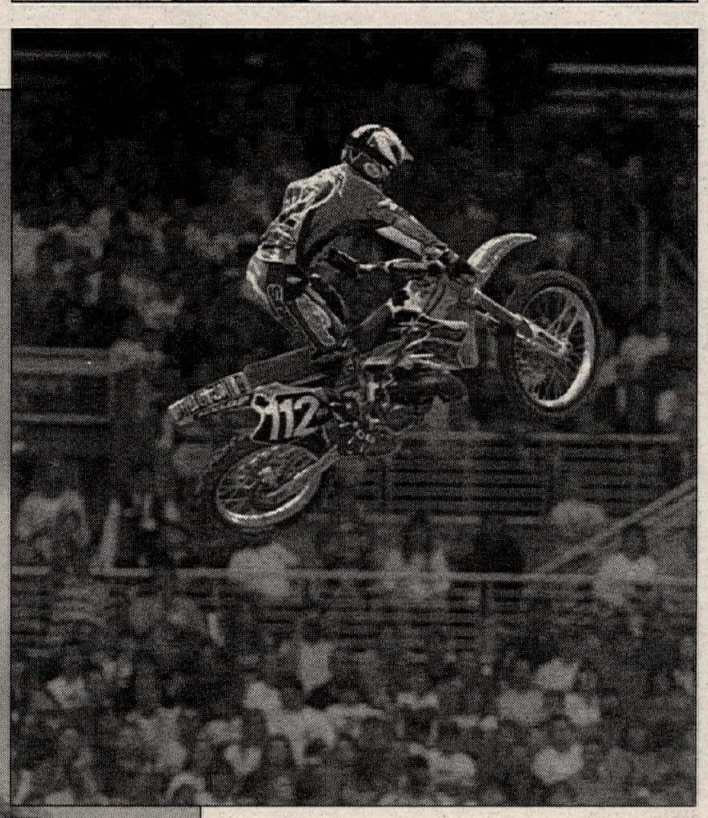
By Eric Johnson

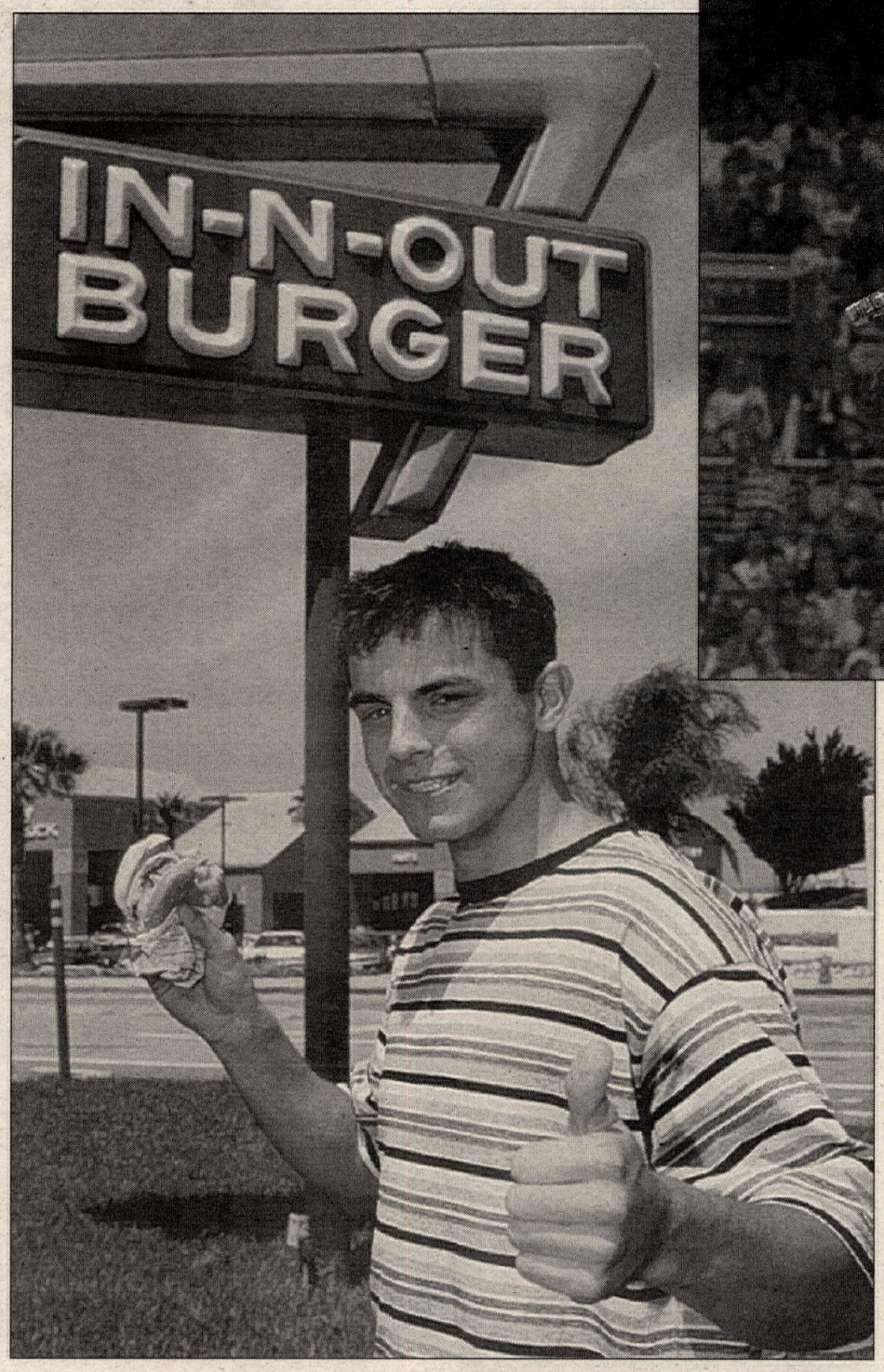
Throughout Europe and especially in France, American supercross is viewed as the Formula One of off-road motorcycle racing. With its big, brightly painted, 18-wheel trucks, team managers and mechanics (complete with radio headsets), hospitality tents, ESPN TV cameras, big-dollar contracts, and massive stadiums filled with upward of 60,000 spectators, competing in the AMA Supercross Series - and not the once-hallowed FIM Grand Prix MX Series - is the dream of every young motocross rider.

To illustrate this trend, one only needs to look at the 1997 AMA 125cc stadium circuit. Competing in the just-completed Eastern Regional Series where he finish second is a young French racer - you've probably have heard of him - Stephane Roncada. Coming off of two highly impressive victories at the TWA Trans-World Dome in St. Louis and the Pontiac Silverdome in Michigan, the charismatic Honda of Troy rider is the latest "this year's model" in an esteemed lineup of ultra-talented - and frighteningly fast - French supercross speedsters.

The legendary Jean-Michel Bayle, who came to American in 1989 and put fear into the hearts of the then omnipotent Americans, was the catalyst of the entire French supercross movement. Following his pioneering lead, a number of other Gallic riders, such as Mickael Pichon, Yves Demaria, Frederic Vialle, Frederic Bolley, Sebastien Tortelli, and David Vuillemin, have all found their way over to race - at one time or another - in America. Interestingly, Roncada, who was a hot commodity on the 1996 FIM 125cc World Championship MX circuit (although he didn't really want to be, but we'll get to that later), used that series as nothing more than a springboard to reach his ultimate dream of racing in America.

In order to find out more about this new French export, we tracked down Stephane Roncada at his home in Corona, California. Not surprisingly, the friendly and comical Roncada - who is still in the midst of getting his head wrapped around the English language - was wildly enthusiastic about the United States - and perhaps more so about In-and-Out Burger - and has absolutely no plans to go back home any time soon.





Where in France are you from?
I'm from the south of France, just a few miles from Marseilles.

How did you end up racing?
I was 4 years old, and I saw a boy riding around on a small motorcycle and my father asked him if I could try it. So I tried it and enjoyed it a lot. I was very happy about it, so my dad bought me a motorcycle for Christmas. I then started racing it when I was 4 1/2 years old (laughter).

You rode the 125cc Grand Prix circuit last year, correct?
Yes I did. I rode for Cadre Rouge (the Honda France team).

Is it true that you didn't want to do too well on the Grand Prix circuit?
Yes! Because if I would have finished in the top five, I would not be able to race over here. Because of the AMA rule, if you finish in the top five of the GPs, you can't race supercross (125cc) over here. I remember there were times that I did not go as fast as I could in the GPs because I did not want to finish in the top five.

It sounds like you wanted to get to the United States at all costs.
Oh yes. That's been my dream since I was a very little boy.

How come so many young French riders, such as yourself, want to race American supercross so badly?
Because it's amazing here. The best riders in the world are here and the best tracks are all here. It's the big tracks and the big stadiums with thousands of people. It's the best place to race in the world and that's why so many guys want to come and race here.

Did you have any racing heroes as a kid?
No. I have no heroes.

Really? No heroes?
No, no, none (laughter).

What's the French Supercross Championship like?
It's good. All the events take place over two nights. Everything is smaller there, though. The stadiums are all a lot smaller than in America, they only hold 6000 to 10,000 people. The tracks are very small and only two or three riders can really go fast in the 125cc class.

The championship has made the young riders in France a lot faster hasn't it?
Oh yes, I'm sure of it. We're the only country in Europe to do this, so it has helped us a lot. There is the United States and France, and that is it.

Is minicycle racing big in France?
What is minicycle racing?

80s and 60s...
Oh yes, yes, yes. It's big, but not as big as here. We have two championships and it's very popular.

Now that you've won in St. Louis and Pontiac, what do you think of the tracks, competition and big crowds of the mighty AMA Supercross Series?
I love it. I love it very, very much. When I was racing with Ricky Carmichael at St. Louis, I could hear all of the people cheering and yelling. It was amazing to me. I was so happy to win the race.

You ran well in your first National at

Gainesville, Florida. Do you like outdoor motocross?
Yes. I did good for my first time out. I was real happy. However, I am new to the tracks and did not know the riders too well, so I am going to have to train hard - especially for the heat in the summer. I'm looking forward to it, though, because I like outdoor motocross as much as supercross.
What do you think of the American riders?
I think they are the fastest and I am impressed by them.
I am going to mention a few names to you, and I want you to say a few words about each person. Jean-Michel Bayle.
(Laughs) I think he was the best rider ever. He was good only on a motorcycle. He was not very good off of it. I don't know him very well, but he never seemed all that nice to anybody.
Sebastien Tortelli.
He is a very good friend of mine. I think he is very nice and very hard working. He trains very hard to win. However, I hate Jacky Vimond - I think he is a son of a bitch.
Really?
Oh yes. I hate him. He's too controlling and everything. Last time he came here to America, Sebastien, myself and a number of other guys were out riding at Railroad Canyon. Vimond came out and made us change the track we were riding on because he didn't want Tortelli riding in certain sections. Vimond is a bad guy.
David Vuillemin.
Vuillemin is a nice guy. He is a very good and technically oriented rider. He is doing real well in the American supercross championship.
Michael Pichon.
He is very special and fast. I really like him. I live right next to him and we do a lot of things together. We train and go Rollerblading and swimming in his swimming pool. He's a nice guy also and can be very, very fast.
Yves Demaria.
He sees himself as a big guy (laughter). I don't really know him at all. He's a GP rider.
Do you miss Grand Prix motocross at all?
Oh no, not at all.
You want to stay in America?
Yes, for sure. I hate grand prix motocross (laughter).
What do you do for kicks?
I like to Rollerblade, Jet Ski, and I love to snow ski when I can.
We hear you are a big fan of American fast food.
I love In-and-Out Burger! Oh yeah, I love it. I can eat two or three Double-Doubles (laughter).
How about Taco Bell?
No, I prefer In-and-Out.
Word has it that you don't have a car.
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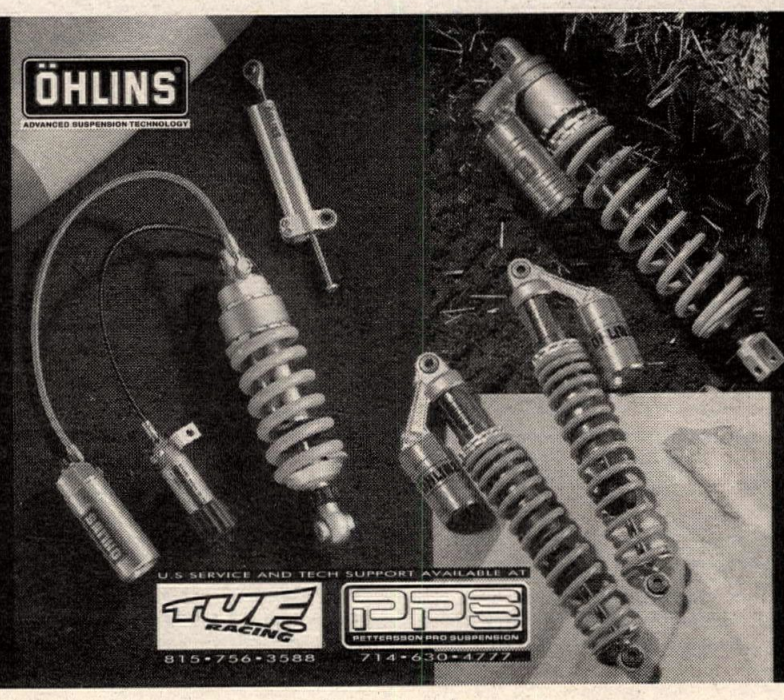

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Tresser, Casey, Classic

Andy Tresser (91) cleaned house during the Chris Carr-promoted Burger King/Applebee's Spring Classic Short Track weekend at the Lodi Cycle Bowl, winning the Pro Expert main on Saturday night and following it up with Open A and Pro-Am Expert wins on Sunday.

By Mike Law
Photo by Bubba Do Rush

LODI, CA, APR. 26

Twenty-nine Pro Experts and 13 Pro-Am racers from three states entered the Burger King/Applebee's Spring Classic at the Lodi Cycle Bowl, but when all was said and done, "local boy" Andy Tresser was the man to beat.

Tresser, from nearby Redwood City, claimed victory in the Open Pro Expert-class feature before some 1200 spectators, while Bob Casey won the 600cc Pro Novice main event.

After a series of scratch heats, the Experts lined up for the four heat races. Race co-promoter Steve Mayfield scored the holeshot and led every lap in the first heat race. Apparently riding with a fair amount of pain, Mayfield demonstrated that the throttle could be twisted with three fingers and a thumb.

"I hit my finger with a hammer while driving in a stake here at the track," Mayfield said. "I split it open pretty good and shattered the bone."

Washington's Mickey Fay returned to Lodi after a several-year hiatus and proved that he still knew his way around the track. Fay and local hotshoe Mark Corsetti did battle together in heat two, with Fay taking the win.

Tresser served notice of his intentions for the main event during heat three. He fired off the line, passing several riders around the outside through turns one and two. Accelerating down the back straight, Tresser never looked back as he took the victory over Shaun Russell and Rex Fisher.

"My strategy was to get a good start at the beginning, establish a sizable lead, and try not to make any mistakes," Tresser said. "We have 25 laps to go in the main, and I feel we can go all the way to the podium."

Heat four was contested by local favorites Billy Martin and Rob Damron. At the finish it was Martin over Damron, followed by Jeremy Rackley.

Two semis were run following the four heat races with Paul Iwanaga nipping Jesse Sanchez in the first semi, and then Jeremy Rackley besting Kevin Bricker in semi number two.

A five-lap, $750 dash for cash brought the crowd to its feet with Tresser grabbing the holeshot only to get passed by Mark Corsetti. At the checkered flag it was Corsetti, Tresser and third-place finisher Johnny Murphree.

When they lined up for the 25-lap main event, Tresser was in the pole position. At the green flag, he powered his BSM Manufacturing/Harry Hoffman/Bob Wirth Racing Engines Wood-Rotax into the lead. For the first half of the race, Tresser increased his lead with each lap but seemed to be tiring in the middle laps. The second-placed Murphree began to close, and at one point he tagged Tresser's rear wheel.

"When the halfway flags came out, I found myself trying to settle in too early," Tresser said. "Johnny came up and gave me a tap. Fortunately it wasn't enough to take us both down."

Once Tresser received his wake-up call from Murphree, he cranked on the throttle and increased his lead once again. With about five laps to go, the blue flag came out as the front-runners were about to lap the pack. Murphree made one last pass attempt on the final lap but came up short as Tresser out-accelerated him to the checkered flag.

"After Johnny and I touched, I knew it was time to pick up the pace," Tresser said while on the podium. "I was a little concerned when the blue flag came out, but we had set the bike up the same as we did in the heat race. We felt the track was getting faster, so we worked in that direction."

Holeshot artist Bob Casey lived up to his reputation in the Pro-Am main event and rocketed into the lead with Oregon's Beau Brown and Matt Gomez Sr. in hot pursuit. After about five laps, Gomez drove around Brown on the outside of the fourth turn and set his sights on Casey. Gomez closed in on Casey, then made his move around the outside. Gomez powered his Rotax around Casey but got a little too loose and dropped back to the third position as a sliding Sean Raggio slipped undereath him.

The order remained Casey, Raggio and Gomez until Raggio went into the first turn too hot and slid out, causing a red flag with just five laps to go.

The single-file restart was almost a carbon copy of the first lap, with Casey winning the race to the first turn and then to the checkered flag, followed by a a determined Gomez. Robert Grant got past Brown for third place. Grant's brother John Grant claimed the fifth spot.

"He always gets the holeshot it seems," Gomez said of Casey. "Once he gets it, he stays on the bottom and doesn't move. Bob's good off the corners and has a real fast bike. The only way that you're going to beat him is with a holeshot or to go around him, because you're not going to get underneath him. This is a fast track, and Casey is real hard to get around."

"I know the way Gomez rides," winner Casey said. "If I can get the holeshot and hold my groove, I probably can win. I was a little worried at the restart that he might go underneath me, but I figured with a good holeshot I could hold him off for the last five laps. I changed my tires around and did a little modification to the gearing after the heat race, and apparently it paid off.

Racer/promoter Chris Carr appeared tired after the race, but was beaming with a widescreen smile as the event turned out to be a success.

"This race was bigger and better than I ever had imagined," Carr said. "Steve Mayfield, my business partner, and I have been wanting to promote a race here for quite some time now," Carr said before the race. "Burger King and Applebee's have been absolutely wonderful sponsors. I'd like to mention, too, that their sponsorship came from the local area rather than corporate. We're coming back next year with a race. Hey, maybe even two." CN

Lodi Cycle Bowl
Lodi, California
Results: April 26, 1997

PRO EX: 1. Andy Tresser (W-R); 2. Johnny Murphree (Rtx); 3. Mark Corsetti (W-R); 4. Steve Mayfield (Rtx); 5. Rob Damron (Rtx); 6. Mickey Fay (ATK); 7. Jesse Sanchez (K-R); 8. Geramy Rackley (W-R); 9. Kevin Bricker (Hon); 10. Billy Martin (W-R); 11. Paul Iwanaga (KTM); 12. Shaun Russell (W-R).

PRO-AM: 1. Bob Casey (Rtx); 2. Matt Gomez Sr. (Rtx); 3. Robert Grant (Rtx); 4. Beau Brown (Rtx); 5. John Grant (Rtx).

DASH FOR CASH: 1. Mark Corsetti (W-R); 2. Andy Tresser (W-R); 3. Johnny Murphree (Rtx).

F-100: 1. Toby Jorgensen (Hon); 2. Brad Spencer Sr. (Hon); 3. Billy Arbogast (Hon).

Burger King/Applebee's Spring Classic Amateur Day

Tresser Smokes 'em - the sequel

By Mike Law

LODI, CA, APR. 27

Apparently Andy Tresser wants to win more Nationals, if his perfomance at the Lodi Cycle Bowl was any indication.

Tresser climbed aboard his BSM Manufacturing/Harry Hoffman/Bob Wirth Racing Engines Wood-Rotax and cruised to victory in both the Open A and Pro-Am Expert features on amateur day of the Chris Carr-promoted Burger King/Applebee's Spring Classic Short Track.

"I'm going to be here next week, and every week after that until it's time for me to race the Nationals," Tresser said after the race. "When the Nationals come, I'm going to be ready." Tresser diced with an extremely hard-charging Michelle DiSalvo in his scratch heat race, then destroyed the competition in the regular heat race. Tresser blasted his way to the front of the pack by the end of the first lap. Unofficially, he was clocked at 72 mph down the straightaways as he ran consistent 16-second lap times en route to the win.

The Pro-Am Expert main event was a virtual walkaway, with Tresser taking the holeshot then maintaining his composure throughout the entire race from green flag to checkered flag. Ryan Anderson of Portland, Oregon, battled with local hotshoe Levi German. Anderson wound up taking second position at the finish. Jerry Tenret and DiSalvo rounded out the top five.

Not being satisfied with being one-for-one, Tresser massacred the competition in the Open A main as well, taking another wire-to-wire victory over black plate number-one Rob Damron, who fought his way through traffic to overcome Beau Brown and Toby Jorgensen. Damron pulled to within striking distance of Tresser, but when the checkered flag came out, it was Tresser by about five bike lengths.

"There's too many laps at this track," Tresser said after the race. "I've got more tire than I've got worries. I was real tired from two days of racing, but my strategy paid off."

"I got a bad start behind one of the new rookies, and it was my goal to catch him and then catch Tresser," Damron said. "I had about six laps to catch him, but it just didn't happen. He made a few mistakes and started looking back, but before I knew it, the checkered flag came out and it was all over."

Modesto's Brandon Inderbitzen proved his previous week's victory was no fluke by walking away from the competition in the 80cc Expert class. Despite lining up against the likes of Danny Casey, Matt Gomez Jr. and Corey Eaton, Inderbitzen aced the holeshot and cruised to victory. Jared McWhirter, in only his second race as an 80cc Expert, bested Corey Eaton and placed fourth.

The Pro-Am Novice main event brought the crowd to its feet as Beau Brown and Bob Casey, two real holeshot artists, rolled up to the starting line together. To the surprise of the crowd, Brown was the winner of the drag race to the first turn, followed by Casey, Sean Raggio and Robert Grant. Brown kept to the low groove and claimed the win. CN

Lodi Cycle Bowl
Lodi, California
Results: April 27, 1997

60 COMB: 1. Derrick Ponton (Kaw); 2. Ryan Kuntz (Kaw); Nick Moore (Kaw); 4. Michael Rinaldi (Kaw); 5. Matt Tuckett (Kaw).

80 A: 1. Brandon Inderbitzen (Hon); 2. Danny Casey (Hon); 3. Matt Gomez Jr. (Hon); 4. Jared McWhirter (Hon); 5. Corey Eaton (Hon).

80 A-B/100 COMB: 1. Frankie Lane (Hon); 2. Jason Grewe (Hon); 3. Corey Eaton (Hon); 4. Stuart Barber (Hon).

250: 1. Tony Souza (Suz); 2. Tony Meiring (Rtx).

VET: 1. Paul Sandburn (Rtx); 2. Tim Hlebo (Hon); 3. James Maher (Hon).

VINT COMB: 1. Jesse Kreyling (Bul); 2. Billy Hiles (Yam).

VINT TW: 1. Dana Perri (Yam); 2. Ralph Lee (Tri); 3. Jesse Kreyling (Hon).

OPEN A: 1. Andy Tresser (W-R); 2. Rob Damron (Rtx); 3. Beau Brown (Rtx); 4. Toby Jorgensen (Rtx).

PRO-AM NOV: 1. Beau Brown (Rtx); 2. Bob Casey (Rtx); 3. Sean Raggio (Rtx); 4. Robert Grant (Rtx).

PRO-AM EX: 1. Andy Tresser (W-R); 2. Ryan Anderson (Rtx); 3. Levi German (Rtx); 4. Jerry Tenret (Hbg); 5. Michelle DiSalvo (Rtx).

RESULTS

Motocross
Budd's Creek MX
Budd's Creek, MD
Mar. 23
By Greg Gage

125 A
Kevin Crine Suz
Jon Zonin Suz
Kenneth Jones Hon
125 B
Aaron Day Kaw
Joe Dellavisano Hon
Jason Sisler Hon
125 C
Thomas Parsons Kaw
Joseph Zucaro Hon
Ronald Edelen Hon
125 D
Walter March
Curtis Dowdy Hon
Thomas Carroll Hon
250 A
Kevin Crine Suz
Kenneth Jones Hon
Jon Zonin Suz
250 B
Brad Edwards Suz
Troy Crisp Suz
Chad Gill Kaw
250 C
Brian Bishop
Tim Hager
Jin Janke
250 D
John Kraft Suz
Dennis Hollidayoke Kaw
Pat McCullough Kaw
OPEN B
Wayne Eller Kaw
J. Sheffer Kaw
Maurice Foster Hon
VET A
David Bittner
Doug Poe
Thomas Crayton
VET B
Paul Henry
David Eller
Donnie Mills
VET C
Mike Yellord Yam
Mark Gentilet Hon
Paul Shomaker Yam
25+ A
Davis Bittner Suz
Carl Lewis Hon
Joseph Learner Kaw
25+ B
Kevin Bowman Yam
Mike Demarr Hon
Robert Hamel Suz
SR
John Kellough Hon
Carter Mackerwicz Hon
Tim Titcomb Kaw
80 (7-11)
Bob Kiniry Kaw
Chad Dowling Suz
Paul Shumaker Jr. Suz
80 (12-13)
Gene Shell Suz
Jerry Cook Kaw
Brandon Hooper Suz
80 (14-15)
Ryan Davis Kaw
Casey Barnes Suz
John Miller Hon
80 D
Ben Foley Kaw
Morris Hopkins Suz
Chris Moore Kaw
50 (4-6)
Michael Appleton Cob
Nicholas Farley Lem
Zac Ely Lem
50 (7-8)
Anthony Cascio Jr. Cob
Amber Farley Lem
Ricky Sizemore
60 (7-9)
Donald Soley III
Keith Rose Kaw
Daniel Kiniry Kaw
60 (10-11)
Scott Garner Kaw
Nick McCullough Kaw
S/MINI
Jeremy Cook Kaw
Michael Sigmund Hon
Mike Brown Hon
SCHBY
Aaron Day Kaw
Chris Day Kaw
Andrew Tsakanikas Suz

Motocross
NESC
Agawam, MA
Mar. 30

50 YTH
Benjamin Batchelder COB
Robert Marshall COB
Sean Dahlberg KTM
Justin Rando LEM
Kyle Hangos KTM
65 YTH
William Healy Kaw
Brian Bagley Kaw
Ryan Desroisiers Kaw
Benjamin Batchelder Kaw
Chris Renaud Kaw
85 YTH C
Kenneth Eggleston Kaw
Matthew Bannach Suz
Willaim Decotis Hon
John Giantonio Kaw
Tim Martins Hon
85 YTH B
Luke Soroka Kaw
Kenneth Bernard Hon
Justin Thompson Suz
Jeremy Musa Kaw
Joshua Cennamo Kaw
85 YTH A
Paul Vereka Kaw
Jean Allard Yam
Ryan Tuerck Suz
Wayne Peterson Suz
Justin Tuerck Suz
105 YTH
Jean Allard Yam
Wayne Peterson Suz
Matt Shogren Kaw
Willaim Healy Yam
Ryan Tuerek Suz
FEMALE CLASS
Stephanie Perron Kaw
Christine Merte Suz
Teresa Szczepanski Hon
Nichol Balboni Suz
125 YTH C
Nicholas Gassnola Kaw
Michael Gill Suz
Ryan Mcateer Yam
William Hughes Hon
Christopher Cavanaugh Hon
125 YTH B
Mathew Boron Kaw
Andrew Ballou Kaw
Jason Poulin Yam
Chritopher Tuttle Kaw
Michael McInerney Suz
125 YTH A
Matthew Francis Kaw
Joshua Witchell Hon
Andy Neureuther Suz
Ryan O'Connell Kaw
Paul Veracka Kaw
125 NOV
Matthew Boron Kaw
Jason Poulin Yam
Christohpher Tuttle Kaw
Paul Johnson Yam
Don Ashmore Yam
200 NOV
John Ober Suz
Ralph Quackerbush Suz
Michael Cove Kaw
Kevin Sigismondo Suz
Denny Anderson Kaw
125 AM
Simon Hormans Hon
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Adam Nason Kaw
Matt Gronowicz Hon
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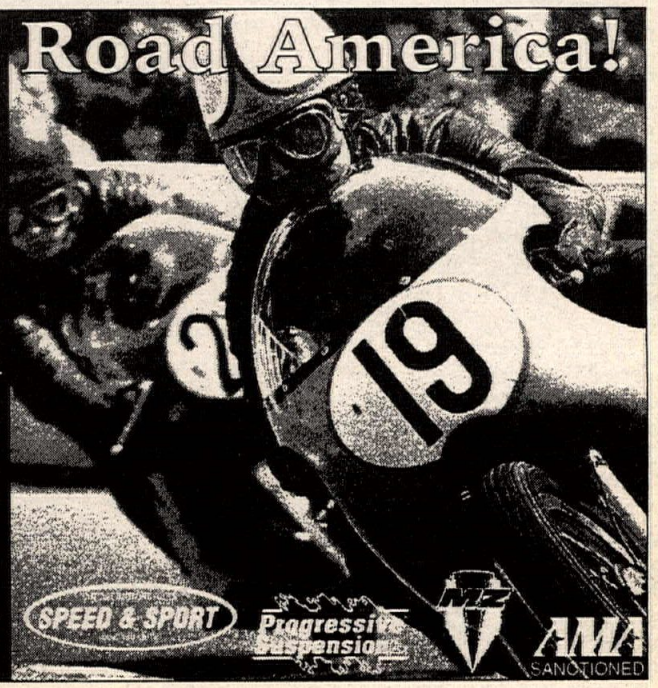

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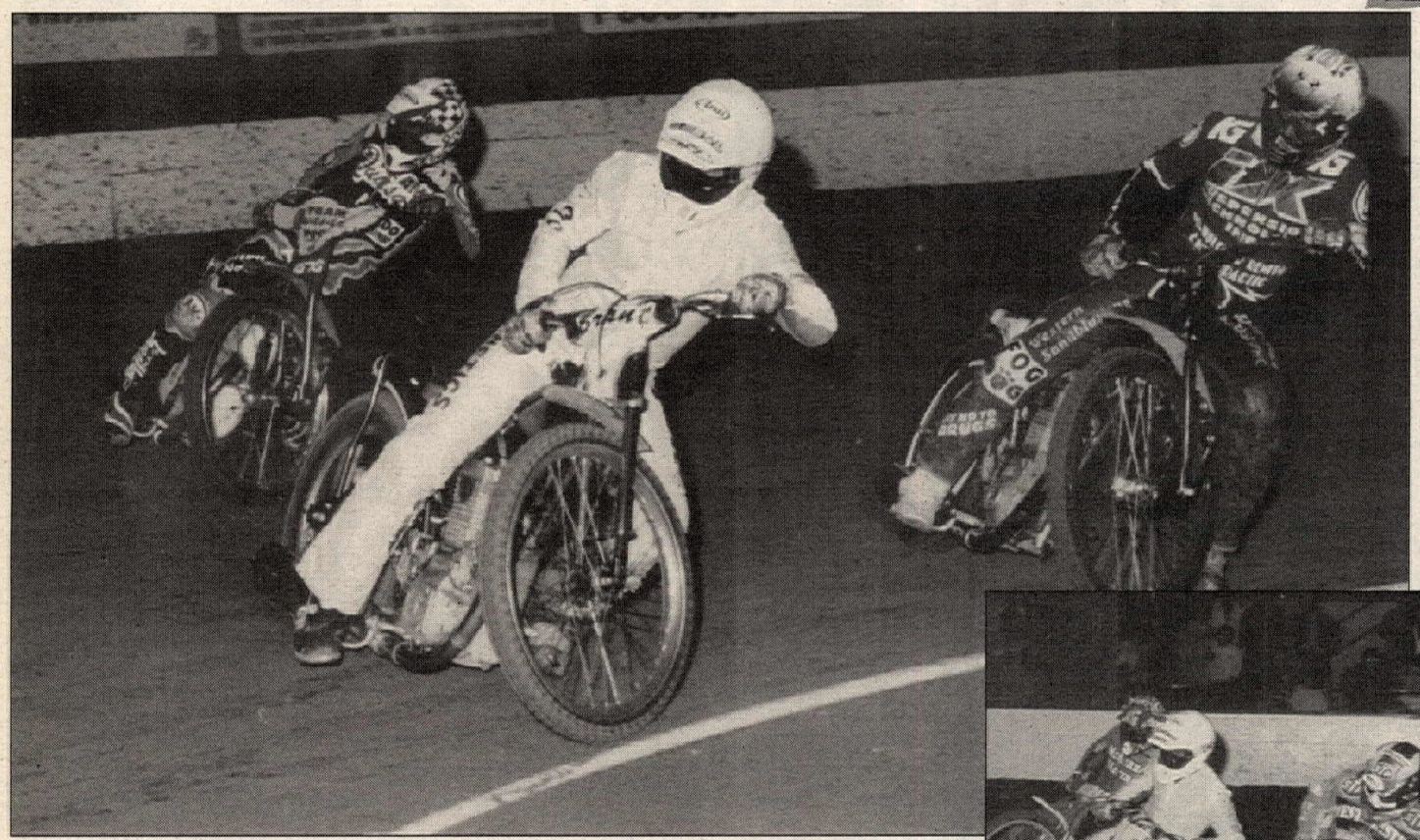


(Left) Robert Pfetzing (middle) inherited the lead on the restart of the Handicap main at the Orange County Fairgrounds and held on to grab the victory.
(Below) Bobby Schwartz (third from right) emerged from this close-knit pack to win the Scratch main at the Orange County Fairgrounds on April 19.

By Elaine Jones
Photo by Bob Jones

COSTA MESA, CA, APR. 25

Mike Faria and Rob Pfetzing, the two guys who like to play out in the marbles, came away with the Scratch and Handicap main-event wins at the Orange County Fairgrounds as another week of Saturday night racing went in the books.

A direct transfer to the richest race of the night, the Scratch main, went to Faria, who drew gate number two. Next to him in three was reigning U.S. National and California State Champion Steve Lucero. John Aden, from the high desert, drew the fourth slot, and on the far outside was the master of the gate Bobby Schwartz. Drawing the pole after coming from the last chance qualifier was Rob Pfetzing. On the first try at a start, Pfetzing got into the tapes and was thrown out.

The second try saw Lucero and Faria have a drag race to the first turn. Faria, who likes to work the outside of the track, proved he was just as deadly down low as he moved Lucero over and came out of turn two with the lead. It was all but over after that as Faria kept himself apart from the rest of the field and Lucero was pretty much left alone in the second slot. Aden and Schwartz battled for third for one lap, but Aden came out on top in that one and held Schwartz at bay the rest of the way.

In the Handicap main, Brian Pappalardo was alone on the 10-yard line. Gary Ackroyd had the 20 to himself with Pfetzing, Shawn McConnell, Brad Oxley and Aden bunched up on the 40. Faria and Lucero were on the 50. The riders were a little anxious and tried to get things started before the starter was ready. McConnell, who was celebrating his birthday, got a gift from the referee when he tried rolling early and ended up on the 80 after getting caught twice. Oxley also ran afoul of the ref and ended up on the 60. After three tries they finally got an even start and Pappalardo was out in front going away when he lost a front sprocket and had to pull into the infield.

Ackroyd took over the lead and held it for three laps before parking it while coming out of two and causing a chain-reaction pileup. Pfetzing got through the fray, but McConnell, Faria, Oxley, Lucero and Aden weren't as lucky. Oxley was out with what looked like a possible broken hand; it turned out to be a badly sprained finger. Ackroyd was deemed the cause of the red and sent to the back of the field. On the single-file restart Pfetzing was the leader, and all he had to do was hold off a hard-charging Faria, who was looking for a double win. Pfetzing and Faria rode basically the same line, and Pfetzing was not denied. Lucero lurked in the wings, hoping for the mistake that never came, and settled for the third.

The Coors Challenge returned to Costa Mesa, with the promoters electing to run two rounds. Round one featured a photo finish between Oxley and Lucero with both thinking they had won it. The nod went to Oxley. The second round wasn't as close. Faria topped McConnell easily.

Bob Brayton and Parke Weaver turned out to be the Sidecar team to beat as they won their second main in as many weeks. They got the jump off the line ahead of the Peter Lewis and Jamey Macy team and they were gone. Lewis and Macy lost the second spot on lap two as Duane Carmont and Richard Taling set them up coming out of four and took over the position. The two teams battled all the way to the checkered, but nothing changed.

Mike Reed thought that he had the Support main in the bag, but he didn't figure on Richard Jones, who slipped underneath him out of four on the white-flag lap and went on to take the win. Randy Skinner finished third. CN

Orange County Fairgrounds
Costa Mesa, California
Results: April 25, 1997

SCRATCH: 1. Mike Faria (GM); 2. Steve Lucero (Jaw); 3. John Aden (Jaw); 4. Bobby Schwartz (GM); 5. Rob Pfetzing (GM).
HDCP: 1. Rob Pfetzing (GM); Mike Faria (GM); 3. Steve Lucero (Jaw); 4. John Aden (Jaw); 5. Shawn McConnell (Gdn).
SDCAR: 1. B. Brayton/P. Weaver (Hon); 2. D. Carmont/R. Taling (Hon); 3. P. Lewis/J. Macy (Yam); 4. J. Petrgalovic (Kaw).
SUP: 1. Richard Jones (GM); 2. Mike Reed (Wes); 3. Randy Skinner (Jaw); 4. David Lynch (Jaw); 5. Brian Burch (Gdn).

Costa Mesa Speedway

Schwartz scores in Scratch

By Elaine Jones
Photo by Bob Jones

COSTA MESA, CA, APR. 19

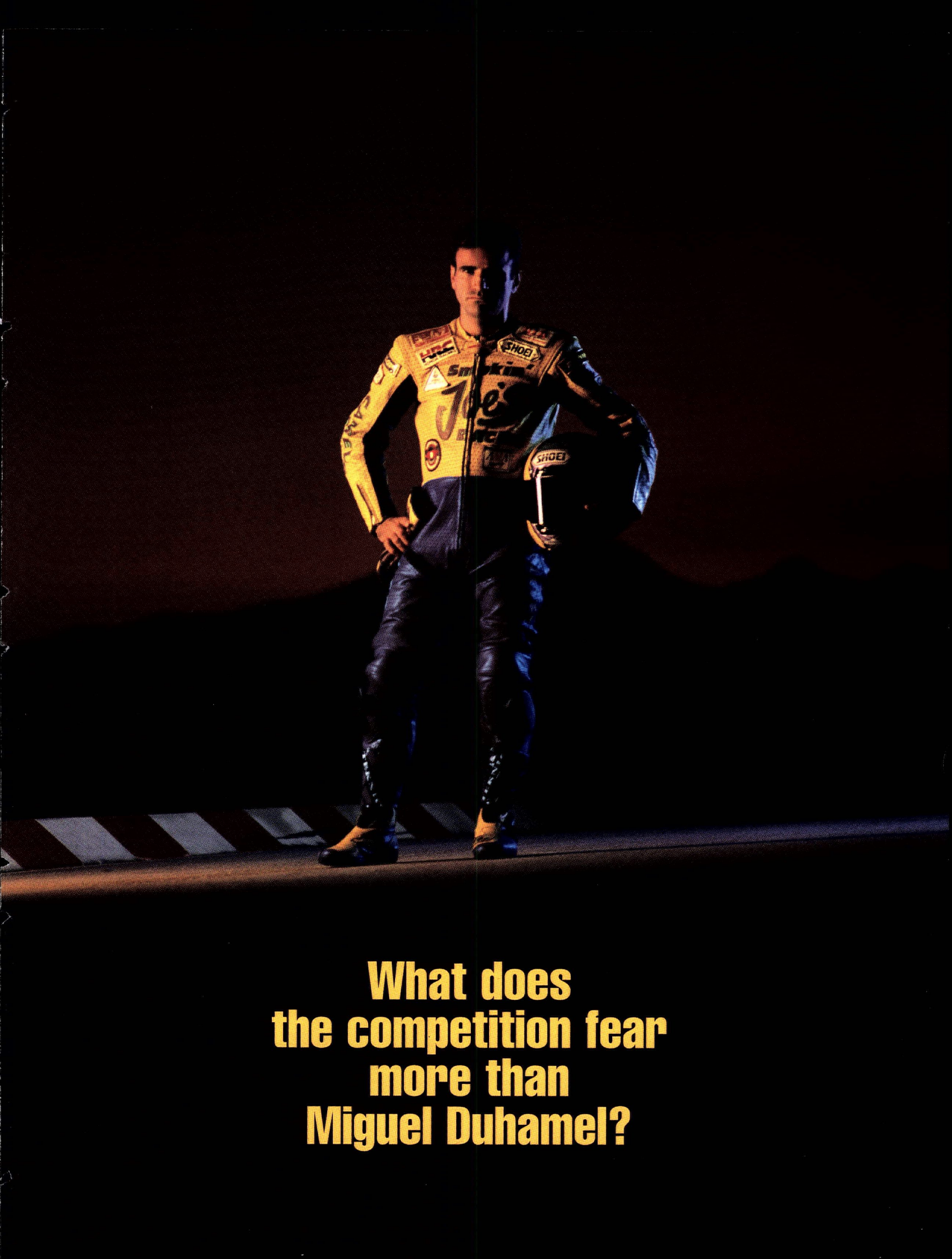
This week at the speedway the winners were veteran Bobby Schwartz young John Aden, who won the Scratch and Handicap main events, respectively.

Direct transfers to the Scratch main went to reigning U.S. National and California State Champion Steve Lucero, who also had the good fortune to draw the pole. Aden moved into gate three while Rob Pfetzing loaded into four. On the far outside was Mike Faria. Schwartz, who sat in gate two, got to the main the hard way. He was going away in the semi and appeared to have a lock on the first when his spark-plug wire came off as he came out of four on his way to the checkered flag. He had to watch as the whole field went by. In the LCQ he left no doubt in anyone's mind that he belonged in the main as he went wire to wire in convincing style.

When the gate came up it was an even start, but it came down to everyone trying to get through the turn at the same time. Lucero got caught in the jam and wound up going the opposite direction as the rest of the field. He opted to watch from the infield.

Schwartz came out of two on top and ran his patented outside inside line, which makes getting around him very hard. Aden locked in behind him but had to contend with Faria and Pfetzing, who were in battle out in dirt working the high line. Faria made a last-ditch effort to get around Aden as they came out of four and headed for the checkered. Aden didn't budge and Faria had nowhere to go, which wasn't the case for Pfetzing, who came away with third.

Brian Pappalardo had the 10-yard line to himself in the Handicap main. Jerry Black had the 20-yard line all to himself, with Jesse Finch sole owner of the 30. Aden, Pfetzing and Schwartz rubbed elbows on the 40, with Lucero and Faria being the long-yardage riders on the 50. Pappalardo got a good gate and with the yardage advantage was able to get a good jump on the field. It took Black four



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(Right) Ricky Carmichael (70) gets the jump on Brock Sellards (80), Steve Andrich (128) and the rest of the field on his way to winning the 125cc Pro class at the GFI Winter Series Showdown at California's Perris Raceway.
(Below) Doug Dubach (39) won the 250cc Pro class over second-place finisher Doug Parsons (23) at the GFI Winter Series Showdown.

laps before he was able to move Pappalardo off his line and take over frst. Aden, who had been sitting in the third slot, was ready to make his move and went with Black to take over the second. Black looked to have things locked up, but fate intervened and in a photo finish the win went to Aden by a whisker.

The best of the best lined up for the Sidecar main event and if the spectators wanted to see brute horsepower, there was plenty of it, and it came via several brands. Off the line came the screaming Mission Yamaha of Peter Lewis and Jamey Macy, who held the lead for one lap before the hauling Honda of Bob Brayton and Parke Weaver took the inside line out of four and along with it the lead. For two more laps all that could be heard was the brute horsepower of the big machines as they jockeyed for position to make the important drive out of four. The ones who did it best were Brayton and Weaver, and they collected the gold at the end of the rainbow. Lewis and Macy were second with Duane Carmont and Richard Taling, last week's winners, third. Dirk Gardner and Doug Lynch, in their first outing of the season. rounded out the field in fourth.

Paul Binnquist got his first-ever Support main win as he nipped Northern California rider Wes Englebrecht at the checkered. Richard Jones got by Danny Holt on the first lap but could get no further and settled for the show money. CN

Orange County Fairgrounds
Costa Mesa, California
Results: April 19, 1997

SCRATCH: 1. Bobby Schwartz (GM); 2. John Aden (Jaw); 3. Rob Pfetzing (GM); 4. Mike Faria (GM); 5. Steve Lucero (Jaw).
HDCP: 1. John Aden (Jaw); 2. Jerry Black (Jaw); 3. Mike Faria (GM); 4. Rob Pfetzing (GM); 5. Steve Lucero (Jaw).
SDCAR: 1. Bob Brayton/Parke Weaver (Hon); 2. Peter Lewis/Jamey Macy (Yam); 3. Duane Carmont/Richard Taling (Hon); 4. Dirk Gardner/Doug Lynch (Kaw).
SUP: 1. Paul Binnquist (Wes); 2. Wes Englebrecht (Wes); 3. Richard Jones (GM); 4. Randy Skinner (Jaw) 5. David Lynch (Wes).
SUP B: 1. Stephen Downing (GM); 2. Matt King (Jaw); 3. Rick Bishop (Wes); 4. Kerry Conner (Wes); 5. Eloy Medellan (Jaw).

GFI Winter Series Showdown

Carmichael cleans up

By Tony Alessi

PERRIS, CA, APR. 27

Team Pro Circuit/SplitFire/Kawasaki's Ricky Carmichael piloted his Chad Watts-tuned KX to the overall 125cc Pro-class victory during the GFI Winter Series Showdown held at Perris Raceway.

The purpose of the showdown is to pit northern and southern GFI Winter Series champions against one another to determine the best of the best and to crown state champions.

Carmichael faced off against Team Suzuki's Mickael Pichon, who was riding his first race since breaking his leg at the LA Supercross in January, and Yamaha's Doug Dubach. Carmichael didn't seem too concerned, though.

"I have been mountain biking about an hour a day, like 15 miles straight up a dirt hill," Carmichael said. "I feel strong."

When the gate dropped, Doug Parsons had the early jump but was quickly removed from his line by Carmichael, who took the lead with authority. Halfway through lap one, Carmichael bobbled and hit the deck, letting the Suzukis of Andrich and Pichon past. Carmichael restarted in 12th place and began a remarkable charge back to the front of the field.

Pichon took over the lead and began to stretch out the distance between himself and the field while Andrich came to an abrupt halt with a blown motor. Carmichael blew past the talent-filled group that included Brock Sellards, Dubach and, finally, Pichon for the lead.

In the end, crash and all, Carmichael lapped the field all the way up to sixth place and won the race by nearly half a lap over Pichon, Dubach, Sellards and David Kratz.

Father-to-be Dubach had an easy time in the 250cc Pro class after passing Parsons early in the moto. Track workers teased Dubach while he raced unchallenged by giving him pit-board signs like, "Hurry, she's in labor" and "It's a girl." Dubach went on uncontested to the win, topping Parsons and RM-mounted Pete Murray.

South African exchange student Michel Constantinou left his mark in the intermediate ranks by scoring overall wins in both 125 and 250cc Intermediate classes. Constantinou battled with fellow YZ riders Tim Beatty and Bryan McGavran in the 125cc division, while the 250cc class saw the RM of Darrin Hoeft offer the resistance. Beatty and McGavran finished second and third, respectively, in the 125cc Intermediate class, while Hoeft finished second in the 250cc Intermediate division.

Randy Norman aced the 125cc Beginner class on his CR125. Norman brought great pride to the Northern California contingent with his pair of moto wins, which was good enough for the GFI state title. Kane Jameson finished a solid second despite first-moto problems, and Nick Uribe, Eric Willis and Chuck Henson rounded out the top five.

It was showtime for NCY Yamaha's Sean Hamblin as he stole the show via a three-out-of-four-moto sweep en route to wins in both the 80cc Expert and Supermini classes. Hamblin was disappointed in the second Supermini moto by Team Green/AXO backed R.J. Thompson, who hit the afterburners and rocketed away for the win. Unfortunately for Thompson, a first-moto fifth relegated him to third overall behind Honda/R&D's Mike Young.

The 80cc Novice class saw Cale Wallace wail on the competition by winning both motos over the Chris Nihan, who was celebrating his 11th birthday. Scott Simon was on the bubble all day long and recorded a solid third, while Montclair Yamaha-rider Erik Meyer and Micky Griffin rounded out the top five.

Northern California's Eric Heagan and Billy Jurevich were the top dogs in the 80cc Beginner class by finishing first and second, respectively. Heavy favorite Adam Bisso was a runaway winner in the first moto, but a crash at the start of the second moto left him a third overall in front of Justin Hargrove and Jason Domann.

The 60cc Intermediate class saw Jarred Browne and Cas Swift duke it out during both motos of racing. Browne won both motos to earn the title.

A protest was later filed by Swift for what may have been classified as an "unsportsmanlike" pass, but after all was said and done, the promoters ruled in favor of Browne.

Team KTM's Dennis Jonon was king of the Pee Wee division as he wreaked havoc with a double-moto, hands-down, runaway victory over the combined 50cc class. Cole Seely topped the Stock class by winning both motos he entered, while Josh Coleman and Arizona's Buddi Bruner rounded out the top three. CN

GFI Winter Series Showdown
Perris, California
Results: April 27, 1997

Main Track

50 STK (4-6): 1. Travis Baker (KTM); 2. Kyle Smith (KTM).
50 STK (7-8): 1. Cole Seely (Act); 2. Josh Coleman (Act); 3. Buddi Bruner (LEM); 4. Jeremy Johnson (Act); 5. Michael Mason (Act).
50 OPEN: 1. Dennis Jonon (KTM); 2. Ryan McClintock (LEM); 3. Zack Dupuis (KTM).
60 FRST TMR: 1. Josh Coleman (Kaw); 2. Jeremy Johnson (Act); 3. Jarrett Loop (Kaw); 4. Paschal Hernandez (Kaw).
60 BEG: 1. Dane Jackson (Kaw); 2. Hollis Lusk (Kaw); 3. Weston Peick (Kaw); 4. Ryan Caley (Kaw); 5. Ryan McClintock (Kaw).
60 NOV: 1. Jeff Alessi (Kaw); 2. Brandon Hiner (Kaw); 3. Andrew Petde (Kaw); 4. Phillip Bruscella (Kaw); 5. Marc Abernathy (Kaw).
60 INT: 1. Jarred Browne (Kaw); 2. Cas Swift (Kaw); 3. Steven Hernandez (Kaw); 4. Jeff Loop (Kaw): 5. Paul Pearcy (Kaw).
60 EX: 1. Mike Alessi (Kaw); 2. Carlos Gonzalez (Kaw); 3. Kelly Tedder (Kaw); 4. Dennis Jonon (Kaw).
80 FRST TMR: 1. Nick Rexford (Yam); 2. Ryan Caley (Kaw); 3. Chad Arrula (Hon).
80 BEG: 1. Eric Heagan (Yam); 2. Billy Jurevich (Yam); 3. Adam Bisso (Yam); 4. Justin Hargrove (Yam); 5. Jason Domann (Hon).
80 NOV: 1. Cale Wallace (Yam); 2. Chris Nihan (Suz); 3. Scott Simon (Suz); 4. Eric Meyer (Yam); 5. Micky Griffin (Yam).
80 INT: 1. Michael Blose (Yam); 2. Billy Lanovich (Yam); 3. Anthony Bruscella (Yam); 4. Brandon Staddon (Yam).
80 OPEN: 1. Sean Hamblin (Yam); 2. Michael Young (Hon); 3. R.J. Thompson (Kaw).
S/MINI: 1. Sean Hamblin (Yam); 2. Michael Young (Hon); 3. R.J. Thompson (Kaw); 4. Billy Lanovich (Yam); 5. Micahel Young (Yam).
125 BEG: 1. Randy Norman (Hon); 2. Kane Jameson (Yam); 3. Nick Uribe (Kaw); 4. Eric Willis (Suz); 5. Chuck Henson (Hon).
125 NOV: 1. Michael Sleeter (Yam); 2. Matt Armstrong (Yam); 3. Josh Cavanaugh (Hon); 4. Jeff Eide (Hon); 5. Dustin Jameson (Yam).
125 INT: 1. Michel Constantinou (Yam); 2. Tim Beafty (Yam); 3. Bryan McGavran (Yam); 4. Tim Langdon (Kaw); 5. David Ramsey (Suz).
125 PRO: 1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw); 2. Michael Pichon (Suz); 3. Doug Dubach (Yam); 4. Brock Sellards (Kaw); 5. David Kratz (Suz).
250 BEG: 1. Brandon Milstead (Suz); 2. Mickael Emberly (Yam); 3. Brent Bisbee (Kaw); 4. Tyson Gustafson (Suz); 5. Rich Schawecker (Yam).
250 NOV: 1. Josh Cavanuagh (Hon); 2. Patrick Wade (Kaw); 3. Rudy Roddquez (Kaw); 4. Gary Hein (Hon); 5. Gabe Brune (Hon).
250 INT: 1. Michel Constantinou (Yam); 2. Darrin Hoeft (Suz); 3. Auggie Rodeiquez (Hon); 4. Brad Schukz (Yam); 5. Jason Wood (Suz).
250 PRO: 1. Doug Dubach (Yam); 2. Doug Parsons (Yam); 3. Pete Murray (Suz); 4. Carey Hart (Yam); 5. Ryuichi Yamada (Suz).
25+ BEG: 1. Johnny Leach (Yam); 2. Craig Kobook (Yam); 3. Gary Grisko (Hon); 4. John Hocker (Yam).

(Left) Franklin Ramey III scored the overall win at the SETRA Hillbilly Classic Enduro in Alabama.
(Above) Thomas Hawk (2) got the holeshot and the win in the first Vet-class moto Honda Hills Motorsports Park Linville, Ohio.

25+ NOV: 1. Tony Sulli (Suz); 2. Terry Gastouniotis (Yam); 3. Todd Flaming (Yam); 4. Tom Bell (Suz); 5. Shane Leyden (Suz).
25+ EX: 1. Pete Murray (Suz); 2. Dan Berg (Suz); 3. Danin Hoer (Suz); 4. Troy Kalina (Yam); 5. Kenny Zahrt (Yam).
30+ BEG: 1. Jon Koehler (Kaw); 2. Rich Schanecker (Yam); 3. Bill Arrendale (Hon); 4. Billy McAllister (Suz); 5. Jon Lundberg (Yam).
30+ NOV: 1. Tracy Meeks (Kaw); 2. Tom Bell (Suz); 3. Tony Suili (Suz); 4. Shane Leyden (Suz); 5. Shawn Heit (Hon).
30+ INT: 1. Dan Berg (Suz).
30+ EX: 1. Mike Baker (Hon); 2. Steve Piattoni (Suz); 3. Jeff Clark (Suz); 4. Scott Richeson (Kaw); 5. Jeff Gianni (Suz).
35+ NOV: 1. Tom Bell (Hon); 2. Mike Goldsby (Suz); 3. Tommy King (Kaw); 4. Danin Berg (Hon); 5. Bill Melanson (Yam).
35+ INT: 1. Mike Baker (Hon); 2. Steve Piaftoni (Suz); 3. Jeff Clark (Suz); 4. Jeff Gianni (Suz); 5. Jim Hanson (Hon).
40+ NOV: 1. Joe Root (Kaw); 2. Daniel Smith (Hon); 3. Greg Pagan (Kaw); 4. Roger Dallan (Yam); 5. Steve Fortune (Yam).
40+ INT: 1. Miek Altenhofel (Hon).
40+ EX: 1. Ron Turner (Yam); 2. Kenny Zahrt (Yam); 3. Ron Ruff (Suz); 4. Jim Hanson (Hon); 5. Randy Minter (Suz).

SETRA Championship Enduro Series, Round 16

Ramey wins Hillbilly Classic

By Kenneth King

CLANTON, AL, APR. 20

Team KTM's Franklin Ramey III scored his seventh overall win of the season, claiming top honors at the Hillbilly Classic Enduro.

"I wanted to win today," Ramey said. "I like the technical trails. Steven's (Smith) been riding good so I knew I was going to have to charge all day, and that's what I did."

This win widens the gap between Ramey and Team Green rider Steven Smith. The two riders have had a close battle going on all season, and Ramey's win gives him a bit of a cushion going into the final two races, both of which are held in Florida. Smith finished one point shy of Ramey.

"I really didn't have any problems," Smith said. "I fell once. All in all I had a good day. I just wasn't fast enough today."

Neely Racing's Jason Chancey had his best ride of the season, tying Smith for second overall, but losing on the tie breaker.

"I just pushed it all day and really had no problems," Chancey said. "The trail was so tight in places it was hard to pass, but I'm sure everyone had that problem."

The Moose-sponsored rider has really charged hard in the later part of the season, posting consistently good scores.

This was the fourth year for the Hillbilly Classic Enduro. It was sanctioned by both SETRA and SERA, and once again the Clanton Track and Trail club did a great job. Recent land-use problems forced the club to omit close to 25 miles of trail, and it was questionable whether they would be able to hold the race. The club decided to run the available 22 miles of trail twice for a total of 44 miles, relatively short for an enduro. The trail was one long section of tight, rooty, rocky, slick terrain, Recent rains created quite a few monstrous mud bogs. The terrain would make passing quite difficult.

The first section was eight miles long and was very technical, with a speed average of 18 mph. Ramey, riding on row 38, scored the fastest time with 3:19. He was followed by Chancey with 4:12 and Smith with 4:14.

"I fell in the first section," Smith said. "The bike never cut off, but I lost a little time."

KTM's Allen Gravitt would go through the trail with a 4:18.

At the 8-mile mark, the speed was bumped up to 24 mph and riders were given a brief reset. Only the faster guys found themselves with any time to spare. At 14.40 miles, riders entered the next seven miles of woods. The terrain was of the same type, but with brief sections of fire road between trails. Once again, Ramey had the fast time through, posting a 6.05.

"I just rode hard and tried to watch my lines at the bogs," Ramey said.

Chancey again would be next with a 7:04, followed by Smith with a 7:12, then Gravitt with a 7:15. At 21.6 miles everyone was given a break, then a reset to 31.7 miles and a restart for the final seven miles before the gas. The trail was faster, but just as technical. All the fast riders made it through, dropping three points.

Ramey had a two-point lead on Chancey, Smith and Gravitt at the gas. The whole 22 miles of trail was repeated. The large number of riders widened the trail, making for faster times, but they would wreak havoc on the mud bogs, making them worse. Choosing the correct line was essential. The speed average was once again 18 mph. Smith would blaze through the section with the fast time of 3:14.

"I made some adjustments to the bike at the gas," Smith said. "Things seemed to work a little better."

Chancey would follow with a 3:36, then Gravitt with a 3:50. Ramey had some problems.

"I was in third gear and on the gas when my throttle stuck," Ramey said. "Before I knew it, I hit a tree hard. I thought I broke my wrist at first, but I guess I just tweaked it a little. The crash destroyed my computer, twisted my handlebars and busted my radiator."

Ramey came through the section with a 4:20.

The speed went up to 24 mph at the 66-mile mark for the next seven miles. Ramey got on the gas and had the fast time at 6:16. Smith was next with 6:45, besting his first time through by 27 seconds. Chancey came in at 6:50 followed by Gravitt at 6:57. At 79.6 miles the club had a reset to 89.7 and the start of the final seven miles.

Ramey held a one-point lead, but his damaged radiator was leaking fluid. He made the seven miles with a three-point loss. Smith and Chancey would also drop three points in the section. Gravitt would drop four.

Ramey finished the day with 25, one point ahead of Smith and Chancey. Gravitt followed with 27 for fourth overall. Ramey, who had just won the SETRA Hare Scrambles championship, also had the Enduro series point lead. With only two races remaining, it will now be tough going for Smith. CN

Hillbilly Classic
Clanton, Alabama
Results: April 20, 1997

O/A: 1. Franklin Ramey III (KTM).
AA: 1. Steven Smith (Kaw); 2. Jason Chancey (KTM); 3. Allen Gravitt (KTM).
250 A: 1. Bryan Adams (Kaw); 2. Bryan Goble (Kaw); 3. David Crain (Kaw).
200 A: 1. Tommy Veator (Kaw); 2. John Borgard (Kaw); 3. Martin Pruett (Kaw).
4-STRK A: 1. Burton Huff (Kaw); 2. Kenny Satterfield (Hon); 3. Geoff Poole (Hon).
A INT: 1. Gary Little (Yam); 2. Chris Chisolm (Hon); 3. Jimmy Ward (Yam).
MSTR A: 1. Ron Hale (Suz); 2. Lloyd Widemer (Hon); 3. Joseph Van Seeters (Yam).
OPEN A: 1. Mitch McRee (KTM); 2. Andy Barkley (Hon); 3. Lee Carpenter (KTM).
SR A: 1. Mike Shank (Hon); 2. Mike Gentry (Yam); 3. Richard Edmonds (KTM).
S/SR A: 1. John Kirby (Hon); 2. John Wade (KTM); 3. Jim Ford (Hon).
VET A: 1. Jody Patterson (TM); 2. Bennie Waldrop (Kaw); 3. Arty Spencer (KTM).
200 B: 1. Curt Cook (Suz); 2. Mark Thompson (Kaw); 3. Jerald Brownell (Yam).
250 B: 1. Sam King (KTM); 2. Brent Mercer (Suz); 3. Jeff Collins (Yam).
4-STRK B: 1. Curtis Poole (Hon); 2. Bryan Giacomozzi (Kaw); 3. John Reed (Hon).
INT B: 1. Keith Cooper (Yam); 2. James Adams (Suz); 3. Ken Potts (Hon).
MSTR B: 1. Fred Hammond (KTM); 2. Jim Armitage (Kaw); 3. Wayne Meradith (Hon).
OPEN B: 1. Charlie Hatler (KTM); 2. James Embro (Hon); 3. Doug Kadrouch.
SR B: 1. Barry Lee (Yam); 2. Royce Guidry (Kaw); 3. Curt Rickert (Suz).
S/SR B: 1. Bill Watkins (KTM); 2. Rich Patterson (KTM); 3. Steve Chancey (KTM).
VET B: 1. Andy Braben (Kaw); 2. Jim Morgan; 3. Bruce King (Suz).
200 C: 1. Phil Ellis (Hus); 2. Mike Thomas (Hon); 3. Bobby Johnston (Kaw).
250 C: 1. Scott Raymer (Kaw); 2. Scott Young (Yam); 3. Wes Vineyard (KTM).
4-STRK C: 1. Charles Schonin (Hon); 2. Jamie Clontz (Hon); 3. Keith Bowman (Hon).
INT C: 1. Robert Morris (Suz); 2. Bo Fletcher (Yam); 3. Ed Bowen (Kaw).
OPEN C: 1. Blake Couch (KTM); 2. Wendal Lambert; 3. Gerald Gresham (Hon).
SR C: 1. Bob Agee (Suz); 2. Mike Lynn (Kaw); 3. Johnny Craft (KTM).
S/SR C: 1. Steve Huggins (Hon); 2. Mark Zachary (Hus); 3. A.J. Wheatcroft (Kaw).
VET C: 1. Clint Johnson (CRE); 2. Frank Erickson (Hus); 3. Pat Williamson (Hus).
GLDN MSTR: 1. James Bransford (Hbg); 2. Thomas Barr (Kaw).
WMN: 1. Lisa Schidlmeir (Kaw); 2. Christy Black (Hon).
JR 100: 1. Wesley Porter (Kaw); 2. Cliff Ousley (Kaw); 3. Drew Hunt (Suz).
JR OPEN: 1. Chris McMillan (Suz); 2. J. Backstrom (Hon); 3. Steven Stokes (Hon).

Hall hauls at Honda Hills MX

By Rupert Pellett

LINVILLE, OH, APR. 6

Alexandria's Dave Hall showed off his brand-new electric-start Husaberg 600 and romped off with two first-place motos in the Enduro-bike class at the kickoff motocross event at the famous Honda Hills.

Hall also finished second in the Open division to hard-charging Phil Wood, who pushed his trusty old CR500 to two convincing wins.

In the Vet class, Tom "Tomahawk" Hawk jammed his old 1987 YZ490 to the front in moto one with a nice holeshot and flew the red and white contraption to a tasty win over old-timer Gerry Bennett. Moto two would see a hard-fought victory for Bennett after Hawk experienced troubles negotiating the back section. Bennett would ultimately stand victorious in the 25+, 30+ and 40+ classes. The 50cc classes were Cobra affairs as Devan Welch left the field to take the overall in the 7- to 8-year-old division, and Tyler Bowers took advantage of Haven Holdcroft's DNF to take the win in the 0- to 6-year-old class.

Results

30+: 1. Gerry Bennett (Hon); 2. Tom Hawk (Yam); 3. Rodney Hook (Suz); 4. Mark Mathias (Yam); 5. Floyd Doty (Yam).
250: 1. Devin Norman (Kaw); 2. Shawn Sims (Suz); 3. Jay Speakman (Kaw); 4. Dennis Thomas (Hon); 5. Barry Taylor (Kaw).
250: 1. Chad Jerles (Suz); 2. Rodney Hook (Suz); 3. Brandon Shull (Suz); 4. Brannon Kilbarger (Yam); 5. Rob Bingman (Suz).
125: 1. Troy Karshner (Suz); 2. Dave Cook (Suz); 3. Christian Moist (Suz); 4. Mike Rippeth (Kaw); 5. David Thomas (Hon).
125: 1. Nathan Laymon (Hon); 2. Terry Collins (Suz); 3. Jason Casterline (Kaw); 4. James Chapman (Suz); 5. Rob Bingman (Suz).
OPEN: 1. Philip Wood (Hon); 2. Dave Hall (Hbg); 3. Larry Shumaker (Hon); 4. Richard Spangler (Kaw); 5. James Potter (Hon).
125: 1. Mark Burkhart (Hon).
ENDR BK: 1. Dave Hall (Hbg); 2. Dave Grear (Kaw); 3. Scott Morrison (Kaw); 4. Dave Kittskel (Hon); 5. Noah Akers (Hon).
25+: 1. Gerry Bennett (Hon); 2. Donnie Urban (Suz); 3. Rob Bingman (Suz); 4. Dave Horn (Suz); 5. Jay Speakman (Kaw).
250: 1. Mark Burkhart (Hon); 2. Mark Weaver (Kaw); 3. Troy Swartz (Kaw).
40+: 1. Gerry Bennett (Hon); 2. Bill Blaney (Kaw); 3. Charlie Hawk (Hon); 4. Mike Jones (Suz); 5. Tim Root (Yam).
SCHBY: 1. Josh Martin (Suz); 2. Jake Mathews (Hon); 3. John McCumber (Hon); 4. Isaac Bush (Kaw); 5. Brad Burgess (Hon).
50 (4-6): 1. Tyler Bowers (Cob); 2. Kris Nelson (Cob); 3. Nathan Heskett (Cob); 4. Judson Coakley (Act); 5. Andy Kinnison (KTM).
50 (7-8): 1. Devan Welch (Cob); 2. Shawn Lowe Jr. (Cob); 3. Justin Royce (LEM); 4. Allen Nutter (LEM); 5. Riley Wimer (KTM).
65: 1. D.R. Atwood (Kaw); 2. Billy Sprankle (Kaw); 3. Jake Mohney (Kaw); 4. Tony Hall (Kaw); 5. Chris Chapman (Kaw).
80 JR: 1. D.R. Atwood (Yam); 2. Nick Carroll (Kaw); 3. Matt Pritchard (Hon); 4. Jake Mohney (Kaw); 5. Philip Kinnison (Suz).
80 SR: 1. Travis Hartshorn (Yam); 2. Ross Adams (Yam); 3. Jeremy Kartner (Hon); 4. A.J. Meade (Kaw); 5. Jeff Cole (Yam).

(Left) Eventual winner Tom Horton (55) trails Steve Monger (54) and Gary Davis (89) in the Modern Vintage 600cc class at the Ray Hensley Memorial Flat Track in Lancaster, California.
(Below) Billy Rich (61) moved up to win both 125cc C-class motos over Scott Mitchell (133) at Bremen MX in Georgia.

Holt holds on at Hensley Flat Track

By Dennis Suter

LANCASTER, CA, APR. 6
Brad Holt fought off Tom Horton to win the Modern Vintage 250cc event at the Ray Hensley Memorial Vintage Flat Track at Antelope Valley Fairgrounds.

Race promoter Horton led the race off the line, Don Frauenberger and Holt following. Holt got a great drive down the back straight and passed Frauenberger in turn three on the second lap. Holt slid under Horton in turn four on lap five, and a drag race to turn one went in Holt's favor. On the seventh go-round Horton tried Holt on the outside of turn two, but Holt held on for the checkers.

A full field of Modern Vintage 750s took the starter's flag with Eddie Mulder getting a great start on his Triumph Trackmaster. Jeff Johnson from Rialto caught local rider Mulder on the fourth lap and slipped under Mulder on lap seven to win the eight-lap big-bore feature. Another local, Pete Hames, won the large Bomber class on a Harley-Davidson 600.

Classic 500 had nine machines on the line and it appeared Gary Davis and his Gold Star were in for some competition from the small Triumph twin of Tom Horton. After one lap of side-by-side action the twin broke and Davis had an easy time of it.

The Classic 250cc race was easily the best race of the day. Jim McMurren's Harley-Davidson led the field to turn one with Horton on a four-stroke Honda twin next. Matt Hilgenberg was next on a Suzuki X6, but Rich Trait on an Ossa took that spot before turn three. Trait passed Horton at the stripe on lap three and Hilgenberg did the same on lap four. The fifth lap found Trait on the outside of McMurren in turns three and four but McMurren held into one where they were joined by Hilgenberg. On lap seven the X6 pulled Hilgenberg down the back straight past Trait's Ossa. Hilgenberg slid to the outside of McMurren in four and had his front wheel up to the Harley-Davidson's seat at the finish line.

Results

DINO: 1. Tom Horton (Tri); 2. Eddie Dodee (Ind).
PRO 600: 1. A.J. Herrera (Rtx); 2. Jim Rosa (Hon).
MDRN VINT 750: 1. Jeff Johnson (Tri); 2. Eddie Mulder (Tri).
BMBR: 1. Pete Hames (H-D); 2. Ken Theiband (Yam); 3. Steve Gorby (Hon).
MDRN VINT 600: 1. Tom Horton (Yam); 2. Steve Monger (Hon); 3. Gary Davis (Hon).
NOV 600: 1. Joel Sweeney (Hon); 2. Gary Egloff (Hon).
MDRN VINT 250: 1. Brad Holt (Bul); 2. Tom Horton (Yam); 3. Don Frauenberger (Yam).
50+: 1. Eddie Mulder (Tri); 2. Gary Pettis (Bul); 3. Jim McMurren (H-D).
CLSSC OPEN: 1. Gary Davis (Tri); 2. Herb Wolf (Tri).
NOV 250: 1. Wayne Rantz (Hon); 2. Halik Cosio (Hon).
CLSSC 500: 1. Gary Davis (BSA); 2. John Kent (BSA); 3. Clark Eddington (Tri).
NOV 750: 1. Clyde Dennen (Nor); 2. Jerry Bluff (Yam); 3. Chris Wakolo (Tri).
CLSSC 250: 1. Jim McMurren (H-D); 2. Matt Hilgenberg (Suz); 3. Rich Trait (Oss).
35+: 1. Tom Horton (Tri); 2 Jeff Johnson (Tri); 3. Art Fredenburg.

Horton hot at SDFTA Flat Track

By Dennis Suter

BARONA OAKS, CA, APR. 12
Tom Horton had a great day at the opening race for the San Diego Flat Track Association at the Barona Speedway when he won the Modern Vintage 250cc, Classic 250cc, Dinosaur and Over 35 classes. The race was also an AHRMA regional event that had 104 race entries enjoying the well-prepared, 1/5-mile, high-banked dirt oval on the Barona Indian Reservation.

The first main event of the night set the tone as Modern 250cc rider Brad Holt took the holeshot over Horton and Gary Davis. Holt and Horton raced side by side for five laps before Horton gained the lead. Davis watched from a very close third. Horton garnered the win with Holt and Davis in pursuit.

The Classic 250cc lead went to Horton with Jim McMurren in tow. Ossa-mounted Rich Trait and Matt Hilgenberg's Suzuki twin contested third place for the entire 12 laps. Horton took the win, on a borrowed BulTaco. McMurren's Harley finished second and Hilgenberg's pass of Trait on the ninth lap gave him third.

Sal Peluso grabbed the lead in the Modern 600cc feature over Davis and Horton. Davis's dilemma was that if he ran at Peluso, Horton might jump from third to first. Davis elected to ride it out but Pelusa didn't allow an opening, so the finishing order remained Pelusa, Davis and Horton.

After John Dupree slapped the back-straight wall in the 250cc Pro heat race, most thought his racing for the night was over. But Dupree borrowed another bike for the feature and passed Don Frauenberger on the fifth lap for the lead. The excitement was not over, though, as the lights went out on lap 11 when the electric generating plant had a temporary malfunction. The race was called with winner Dupree leading Frauenberger and Brad Holt.

Two former National regulars who competed at Ascot in the early '70s, Peluso and Horton, renewed their rivalry in the Over 35 class. Peluso led from the line, with Horton close behind. Horton ducked inside on the eighth lap and held on for the win over Peluso. Steve Hensley brought a big Triumph twin in for a nice third-place finish.

Results

MDRN VINT 250: 1. Tom Horton; 2. Brad Holt; 3. Gary Davis.
NOV 250: 1. Chris Apple; 2. John Garcia Jr.; 3. Ronald Howell.
CLSSC 250: 1. Tom Horton; 2. Jim McMurren; 3. Matt Hilgenberg.
BMBR: 1. Jon Garcia; 2. Steve Gorby; 3. Dave Johnson.
MDRN VINT 600: 1. Sal Pelaso; 2. Gary Davis; 3. Tom Horton.
500-750 NOV: 1. Dennis Voll; 2. Wayne Wardngton; 3. Jeff Apple.
DINO: 1. Tom Horton; 2. David DuVarney; 3. Gordon Menzie.
250 PRO: 1. John Dupree; 2. Don Frauenberger; 3. Brad Holt.
CLSSC 500-750: 1. Gary Davis; 2. David DuVarney; 3. Herb Wolft.
35+: 1. Tom Horton; 2. Sal Peluso; 3. Stephen Hensley.
50+: 1. Jim McMurren; 2. Warren Adams; 3.Gordon Menzie.
MDRN VINT 750: 1. Gary Davis; 2. Don Frauenberger; 3. Art Fredenburgh.
600 PRO: 1. Perty Proicite; 2. Akira Kuzuoka; 3. Travis Petton.

Welch wails at Budds Creek HS

By Kelly Allen

BUDD'S CREEK MD, APR. 6
Southern Maryland's Budd's Creek MX Park was the site of round two of the 1997 Virginia Championship Hare Scrambles Series, and AA rider Jason Greer took the overall win in an exciting race to the finish. Over 250 riders from eight states attended the event which was billed as the annual Blue-Gray 100 and promoter Jonathan Beasley routed the competitors around a unique 4-mile hare scrambles course combined with a 2-mile MX loop, a 1/4-mile flat track oval and a small road race section.

Maryland's own Tom Welch held a sizable lead on the rest of the AA class after he blazed a path out of the gate and around the motocross track. Behind JT Motorsports-backed Welch, however, were some of the South's fastest riders, all of whom were hot on Welch's tail with hopes of catching the pro motocrosser when he hit the first woods section. But Welch had plans of his own and when he emerged back on the motocross track with a sizable lead over the woods racers, the chances for the southern visitors looked slim.

With two miles of a groomed, jump-filled track in front of him, Welch set sail in a big way, opening nearly a 30-second advantage over second-place rider Jason Greer. For the next several laps the race seemed as though it was all but over as Welch's lead swelled to a minute by lap three. Greer finally began to reel in the early pacesetter by the end of lap six but with only two laps remaining and still a 40-second gap between the two, it still appeared that Welch had the race in the bag. But when Greer shaved 30 seconds off of the deficit on lap seven the race was on once again.

Welch entered the woods on the final circuit with a 10-second lead, but in the end it wasn't enough to fend off a determined Greer for the win. Kingsport Suzuki's Doby Leonard stayed upright to take third overall, followed by Cycle Concept's David White and Andrew Harris in fifth place.

Results

O/A: 1. Jason Greer (Hon).
AA: 1. Tom Welch (Suz); 2. Doby Leonard (Suz); 3. David White (Hus); 4. Andre Harris (Kaw); 5. George Greer (Hon).
200 A: 1. Stephen Edmondson (Kaw); 2. Ronald Ingram (Kaw); 3. Briam Bouma (Yam); 4. Tony Bonanno (Kaw); 5. Chance Baker (Kaw).
250 A: 1. Kalon Bunch (Kaw); 2. Daryl Allman (Kaw); 3. Brian Blacka (Hon); 4. Timmy Mitchell (Yam); 5. Travis Jones (Kaw).
VET A: 1. Rickie Huffman (Suz); 2. George Cavanaugh (Kaw).
200 B: 1. Chad Parker (Kaw); 2. Chuck Honeycutt (Kaw); 3. Warren Stimpson (Hon); 4. Mike Bakken (Kaw); 5. Mark Wentzer (Hon).
250 B: 1. Travis Williford (Suz); 2. Robert Wagner (Kaw); 3. Roger Hensley (KTM); 4. Kelly Allen (Suz); 5. Joel Hawkins (Kaw).
VET B: 1. Craig Randall (Yam); 2. Paul Sandridge (Yam); 3. Andy Phillips (Hon); 4. Robert Hawkes (Hus); 5. Robert Barker (Kaw).
SR: 1. Robert Jones (Kaw); 2. Bob Wick (Suz); 3. Wilson Woodbury (Hon); 4. Ray Ryan (Hon); 5. Bob Williams (Hon).
4-STRK: 1. Jon Skinner (Hon); 2. John Kelley (Hon); 3. Roy Hawkins (Hon); 4. David Colaw (Hon); 5. Mike Stephenson (Hon).
WMN: 1. Tina Hazelwood (Kaw); 2. Judy Tweedy (Kaw); 3. Heather Greer (Hon); 4. Melissa Barton (Suz); 5. Christine Blake (Hon).
MINI: 1. Jason Balonis (Hon); 2. Jason Bailey (Kaw); 3. Scott Capewell (Kaw); 4. Dean Lawrence (Kaw); 5. Jonathon Balonis (Hon).
200 C: 1. David Young (Yam); 2. Preston Creech (Hon); 3. Brian Morgan (Kaw); 4. Joel Bonanno (Kaw); 5. Keith McQuiddy (Yam).
250 C: 1. Alan Hooper (Kaw); 2. Stephen Chacomes (Hon); 3. James Compton (Yam); 4. James Bove (Suz); 5. Douglas Eaton (Hon).

Bentley, Scaggs split Bremen Motocross

By Gary Crider

BREMEN, GA, MAR. 23
Shae Bentley and Robbie Scaggs battled throughout the day and came away with a class win apiece in A-division racing at Bremen MX in round two of the AMA-sanctioned, ninth annual Georgia Championship MX Series. Over 400 riders were on hand for the event.

Moto one of the 125cc A contest saw Bentley get a midpack start. On the last lap, however, Bentley was challenging Scaggs for the point position. Manchester Honda-backed Scaggs held on for the win while Team Green's Bentley had to settle for second.

In moto two, it was Scaggs' turn to play catch-up as he moved up to finish in third spot after getting an eighth-place start. Bentley won the moto by a wide margin and claimed top honors over Scaggs.

The 250cc A first moto was exciting as Bentley and Scaggs traded the lead back and forth. Bentley fell late in the moto and finished 10th while Scaggs rode on to the win.

Scaggs holeshot the final moto and won easily, netting a perfect score. Bentley finished a distant second and placed fifth overall while Ohio's Charles Dunaway posted 3-3 finishes to net runner-up honors.

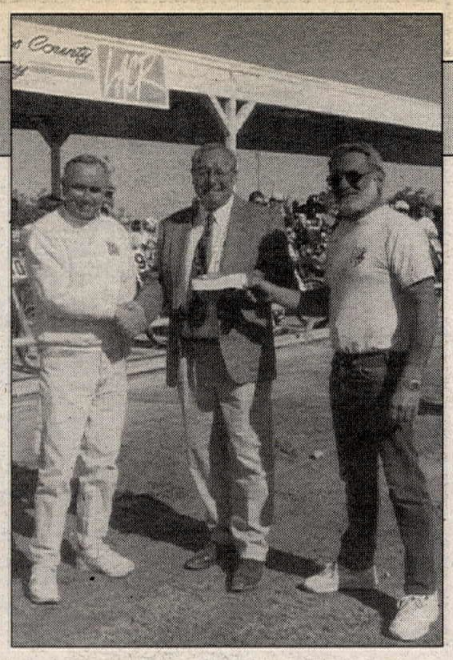
Matt Walker ran away with both moto wins in 125cc Youth racing while series leader Josh Whitmire suffered spills in both motos, placing 19th overall. North Carolina's Joshua Capps earned the second-place spot over Steven Lowman. Walker returned in 125cc B action and posted another 1-1 score.

Scott Lamb made his long drive up from Florida worthwhile as he won the hard-fought 250cc B division. Lamb charged back from a mediocre first-moto start and finished second. In moto two, Lamb held off first-moto winner Justin Guthrie in a winner-take-all photo finish.

Parker Jarrard came out on top of a three-way points tie in the 50cc 4- to 6-year-old class. "This is the first time I've ever won!" Parker exclaimed after the race. Parker's main challengers, Bubba Crosby and Tyler Horne, claimed a moto win but each suffered spills that held them to third and fourth overall, respectively.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Parker Jarrard (KTM); 2. Josh Humphries (KTM); 3. Bubba Crosby (Cob); 4. Tyler Horne (Cob); 5. Cameron Allen (KTM).
50 (7-9): 1. Christian Gibney (Cob); 2. J.J. Maleske (Cob); 3. Easton Hankins (KTM); 4. Jaron Lindell (Cob); 5. Daniel Lyautey (LEM).
60 (7-9): 1. Gregory Roberts (Kaw); 2. Lance Flowers (Kaw); 3. John Schwarz (Kaw); 4. J.J. Maleske (Kaw); 5. Christian Gibney (Kaw).
60 (10-11): 1. Zach Lundy (Kaw); 2. Rob Wooden (Kaw); 3. Richard Sheriff (Kaw); 4. Stephen Norwood (Kaw); 5. Torre Striefthau (Kaw).
P/TN: 1. Zach Rutledge (Suz); 2. Andrew Matusek (Suz); 3. Torre Striefthau (Hon); 4. Ryan Wooden (Yam); 5. John Roberson (Suz).
JR MINI: 1. Justin Applewhite (Hon); 2. Shane Lusk (Yam); 3. Andrew Matusek (Suz); 4. Zach Lundy (Hon); 5. Zach Rutledge (Suz).
SR MINI: 1. Aaron Lindsey (Yam); 2. Jon-Boy Monk (Hon); 3. Christopher McCorkle (Hon); 4. Brian Cray (Yam); 5. Cody Watford (Suz).
S/MINI: 1. Chad Albritton; 2. Jon-Boy Monk; 3. Brian Gray (Yam); 4. William Watford (Suz); 5. Brett Hasty (Suz).
YTH: 1. Matt Walker (Hon); 2. Joshua Capps (Kaw); 3. Steven Lowman (Yam); 4. Chad Albritton (Hon); 5. Aaron Lindsey (Yam).
125 D: 1. Chandler McMillian (Yam); 2. Kyle Garner (Hon); 3. Andrew Stewart (Suz); 4. Andy Campbell (Yam); 5. Jeremy Schell (Hon).
250 D: 1. Russell Radford (KTM); 2. Robbie Hines (Hon); 3. Steven Bryant (Hon); 4. Joel Works (Hon); 5. Mark Schell (Hon).
125 C: 1. Billy Rich (Suz); 2. Scott Mitchell (Kaw); 3. Brandon Livingston (Yam); 4. Casey Bullington (Yam); 5. Lee Jones (Suz).
250 C: 1. Jeremy Noah (Suz); 2. Chris Harbin (Hon); 3. Lee Jones (Suz); 4. Robin James (Hon); 5. Eddie Mason (Kaw).
125 B 1. Matt Walker (Hon); 2. Justin Guthrie (Kaw); 3. Steven Lowman (Yam); 4. Sal Ugarte (Yam); 5. Josh Whitmire (Suz).
250 B: 1. Scott Lamb (Kaw); 2. Justin Guthrie (Kaw); 3. Joshua Capps (Kaw); 4. Eric Parham (Kaw); 5. Greg Day (Hon).
U/L AM: 1. Eric Parham (Kaw); 2. Trey Powell (Hon); 3. David Hallmark (Hon); 4. Richard Wallace (Kaw); 5. Jeff Killian (Hon).
25+: 1. Tommy Martin (Suz); 2. Mike Garrett (Suz); 3. Glenn Bates (Suz); 4. Rodney Cavender (Kaw); 5. Chris Dunn (Yam).
30+: 1. Tommy Martin (Suz); 2. Mike Garrett (Suz); 3. Glenn Bates (Suz); 4. Rodney Cavender (Kaw); 5. Donny Banks (Hon).
35+: 1. John Lundy (Hon); 2. Greg Roberts (Suz); 3. Donny Banks (Hon); 4. Kevin Matthews (Hon); 5. Rick Lindell (Yam).
40+: 1. Billy Scoggins (Suz); 2. Logan Atkins (Suz); 3. Kenny Hall (Hon); 4. Larry Hamrick (Yam); 5. Vance Chase (Hon).
125 A: 1. Shae Bentley (Kaw); 2. Robbie Scaggs (Hon); 3. Matt Shue (Suz); 4. Charles Dunaway (Kaw); 5. Danny Haynes (Kaw).
250 A: 1. Robbie Scaggs (Hon); 2. Charles Dunaway (Kaw); 3. Matt Shue (Suz); 4. Andre Pene (Suz); 5. Shae Bentley (Kaw).



(Left) Terrance Malan won the 125cc Pro class at the Starwest Motocross Park in Moreno Valley, California.
(Above, from left to right) Jerry O'Neal and Jack Barbacovi of CRC present Bob Schach of the American Red Cross with a check for $2000 at LACR in Palmdale, California.

LaPaglia doubles at Starwest MX

By Tony Alessi

MORENO VALLEY, CA, APR. 12
Newly crowned NMA World Pee Wee Champion Mike LaPaglia came home to dominate both the 50cc Super Pee Wee and 60cc 6-8 classes during round three of the Spring Night Series at the Starwest Motocross Park.

LaPaglia put the hammer down at the start of the single-moto 50cc race on the main supercross track, performing step-up jumps and skying across the tabletops. In the end, he raced without challenge to the finish, topping 50cc Stock class winner Chad Gores.

Former BMX Champion Brandon Spencer was also hot on the night, finishing second overall in the Stock division and winning on the Pee Wee course. LaPaglia, however, came back to score an upset in the 60cc 6-8 class over heavy favorite Jeff Loop.

Daton Beavers was far and away the top mini pilot on the night by running off and hiding in both 12-13 Stock-class motos. Beavers raced without challenge all night.

Nate Jones was the king of the 80cc Beginner class, once again, as he piloted his Yamaha YZ80 to the victory over Daniel Nelson, Ian Kuschaka, Bobby Bergman and the hard-charging Nate Murphy.

The Malan brothers had two good battles in the Pro division with older brother Lex winning the first moto and Terrance taking the second.

Mike Camp cut them up and spit them out in winning the 125cc Novice class in both motos. Recent Beginner-class transfer Josh Stice made his debut in the Novice division, finishing third in the class behind Camp and Jeff Eide.

Results

STARTER (4-6) DIV 1: 1. George Jeffers (LEM): 2. Christopher Bradshaw (KTM); 3. Brandon Porras (LEM); 4. Brett Hettel (Yam); 5. Billy Brinker (Yam).

STARTER (4-6) DIV 2: 1. Krystal Cramer (KTM); 2. Cody Hancock (KTM): 3. Ray Holley (LEM); 4. James Merrill (LEM): 5. Carbin Harris (Yam).

STARTER (7-8): 1. Justin Carmody (LEM); 2. Kyle Bateman (LEM); 3. Michael Hettel (Yam); 4. Jordon Riveres (Yam); 5. Shayne Pickering (KTM).

STARTER BEG (4-6): 1. John Baltas (LEM): 2. Donnie Jearney (KTM); 3. Blake Baggett (LEM); 4. Alan Jiron (LEM): 5. Nick Harryman (LEM).

STK BEG (7-8): 1. Gary Thompson (KTM); 2. Ryan Parker (KTM); 3. Shawn Hayes (LEM); 4. Tyler Hopson (LEM); 5. Tyler Sievers (LEM).

STK A: 1. Brandon Spencer (LEM).

STK B: 1. Danny Gonzalez (LEM); 2. Blake Harber (KTM); 3. Robert Jiron (LEM); 4. Matthew Richardson (KTM).

S/P/W: 1. Casey Huntley (LEM); 2. Brady Huntley (LEM); 3. Chad Herbert (LEM).

MOD BEG (4-6): 1. Myles Nall (LEM); 2. Donnie Keaney (KTM); 3. Parker Eckman (KTM).

MOD BEG (7-8): 1. Shawn Hayes (LEM); 2. Justin Mulford (LEM); 3. A.J. Kuschatka (Cob); 4. Brett Catron (KTM); 5. Jesse Ryan (KTM).

MOD A: 1. Brady Huntley (LEM); 2. Brandon Spencer (LEM).

MOD B: 1. Casey Huntley (LEM); 2. Chad Herbert (LEM); 3. Danny Gonzalez (LEM).

50 STK: 1. Chad Gores (LEM); 2. Brandon Spencer (LEM); 3. Roberto Jiron (LEM); 4. Matthew Richardson (KTM); 5. John Baltas (LEM).

50 MOD: 1. Jake Hulett (LEM); 2. Casey Huntley (LEM); 3. Chad Herbert (LEM); 4. Justin Melford (LEM); 5. Myles Nall (LEM).

S/P/W: 1. Michael LaPaglia (KTM); 2. Kameron Scott (LEM); 3. Brady Huntly (LEM).

60 BEG (6-9): 1. Ryan Cayley (Kaw); 2. Kameron Scott (Kaw); 3. Chad Gores (Kaw); 4. Jake Hulett (Kaw); 5. Cody Bradbury (Kaw).

60 (6-8): 1. Michael LaPaglia (Kaw); 2. Travis Christensen (Kaw); 3. Jeff Loop (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Jarrod Browne (Kaw); 2. Carlos Guzman (Kaw); 3. Kelly Tedder (Kaw): 4. Justin Workman (Kaw); 5. Tyson Talkington (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Tyson Talkington (Hon): 2. Chad Munn (Kaw); 3. Justin Workman (Kaw); 4. Chris Aleksiejczyk (Kaw); 5. Jason Cuffel (Kaw).

80 BEG (12-16): 1. Nathan Jones (Yam); 2. Daniel Nelson (Hon); 3. Ian Kuschatka (Hon); 4. Bobby Bergman (Kaw); 5. Nat Murphy (Suz).

80 (0-11): 1. Cale Wallace (Yam); 2. Mike Alessi (Kaw); 3. Jason Medina (Hon); 4. Kelly Tedder (Yam); 5. Jeff Loop (Hon).

80 (12-13): 1. Daton Beavers (Kaw); 2. Nick Alvarez (Hon); 3. Erik Meyer (Yam); 4. Ben Ramsaran (Hon); 5. Shane Fox (Kaw).

80 (14-16): 1. Jed Herring (Hon); 2. David Sullins (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Andy Stephens (Yam); 2. Harvey Bradley (Hon); 3. Billy Wllas (Hus); 4. Jerimiah Johnson (Hon); 5. Jayson Ehlers (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Mike Camp (Kaw); 2. Jeff Eide (Hon); 3. Josh Stice (Hon); 4. Jeremy Tooker (Yam); 5. Colin Morrison (Hon).

125 PRO: 1. Terrance Malan (Suz); 2. Lex Malan (Suz); 3. David Ferrier (Suz).

250 BEG: 1. Dwayne Obbards (Yam); 2. John Brewton (Hon); 3. Jeff Belnap (Yam); 4. Paul Smith (Suz); 5. Jim Saling (Yam).

250 NOV: 1. Braden Mistead (Suz); 2. Johnny Leach (Yam).

25 INT: 1. Alex Zapata (Yam).

30 BEG: 1. Cameron Funk (Suz); 2. Elmer Silfies (Kaw); 3. Anthony Rose (Hon); 4. Louie Tozer (Hon); 5. Jeff Welsh (Yam).

30 NOV: 1. Jim Bradbury (Hon); 2. Jim Masters (Kaw).

30 INT: 1. Bobby Doty (Hon).

40 NOV: 1. Ray Simmons (Hon).

Willis, Leighton land CRC MX wins

By Greg Robertson
Photo by Terry Whytal

PALMDALE, CA, APR. 13
Eric Willis and Joel Leighton each used perfect 1-1 scores to top the 125 and 250cc Beginner classes, respectively, during round two of California Racing Club's Tri-Race Series, held at Los Angeles County Raceway.

During a brief intermission, Jack Barbacovi and Jerry O'Neal of CRC presented a check for $2000 to Red Cross Association representative Bob Schach as proceeds from the recent Red Cross Charity Series at LACR

Clyde Adams escaped with the first 125cc Beginner moto holeshot over Willis and T.J. Berario. Adams held off Willis for the first four laps as the two front-runners pulled away from the field. Willis made the pass with a couple of laps remaining to earn the win over Adams. Berario was never really challenged for third, with Deuce Rutledge finishing fourth over Colin Butterfield.

Adams got another great start to lead Rutledge and Willis in moto two. Willis passed Rutledge by lap two and slowly reeled in Adams. By the halfway point Willis was all over Adams, but was having a hard time making the pass. With the white flag out, Willis double jumped his Suzuki over Adams for the lead and second-moto win. Rutledge stayed clear of Berario in fourth for third overall.

The first 250cc Beginner moto belonged to Leighton. The KX250-rider grabbed the early lead and ran out front until the checkers waved. Brian Sherred and Dustin Dailey argued over second place with Dailey getting the upper hand on the final circuit.

Leighton won the drag race to the first turn in moto two, but slid out when he got there, giving Dailey the lead. Dailey led for a lap before running off the track. Leighton was back out front with Sherred on his back fender. Then Sherred slid out a lap later, moving Dailey up into second place. Dailey stalled his bike in a turn and dropped 10 seconds behind Leighton, but was still just ahead of Sherred. Leighton ended up winning by a wide margin. Sherred and Dailey blocked and stuffed each other until the finish with Sherred prevailing for the second-place trophy.

Results

P/W (0-6):1. Logan Russell (Yam); 2. Lee Saul Jr (Yam); 3. Jeff Mabery (Yam); 4. Shawn Rhinehart (Yam); 5. Brandon Doll (Yam).

P/W (7-9): 1. Ken Slater (Yam); 2. Nicholas Evans (Yam); 3. Preston Lundin (Yam); 4. Kody Russell (Yam).

S/STK (0-6): 1. Shawn Butler (KTM); 2. Tyler McComb (KTM); 3. Cole Pugmire (LEM).

S/STK (7-9): 1. Timmy Ritlzer (LEM); 2. Trent Pugmire (LEM); 3. Shana Rhinehart (LEM); 4. Kevin Thompson (LEM).

B/T: 1. Douglas Carter (KTM); 2. David Medina (KTM); 3. Trent Pugmire (LEM); 4. Timmy Ritzler (LEM); 5. Shawn Butler (KTM).

60 BEG: 1. Cody Sandefer (Kaw); 2. Christopher Jancich (Kaw); 3. Randall Hall (Kaw); 4. Steven Hall (Kaw); 5. Kyle Jenkins (Kaw).

60 (0-8): 1. Bob Cobb (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Nicholas Burson (Kaw); 2. Garrett Norr (Hon); 3. Billy Bloom (Kaw); 4. Robert Memoli (Kaw); 5. Timothy McDaniel (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Cory Redenius (Suz); 2. Troy Tittlemier (Hon); 3. Kyle Kelly (Yam); 4. Brian Melsheimer (Yam); 5. Mike Epstein (Suz).

80 (7-11): 1. Nicholas Burson (Hon); 2. Dave Carter (Kaw); 3. Anthony Barbacovi (Yam); 4. Erik Fauscette (Hon); 5. R.J. Garcia (Suz).

80 (12-13): 1. Scott Howe (Yam); 2. Kit Kunath (Yam); 3. Chris Norr (Suz); 4. T.J. Dee (Yam); 5. Tyler Duncan (Hon).

80 (14-16): 1. Michael Young (Hon); 2. R.J. Thompson (Kaw); 3. Todd Gosselaar (Hon): 4. John Simanovich (Hon).

B/W: 1. William Klein (Hon).

125 BEG: 1. Eric Willis (Suz); 2. Clyde Adams (Yam); 3. Deuce Rutledge (Hon); 4. TJ Berario (Kaw); 5. Colin Butterfield (Hon).

125 NOV: 1. Matt Armstrong (Yam); 2. Greg Andrew (Suz); 3. Chris Sprenkel (Hon); 4. Jeff Eide (Hon); 5. Jeff Pearler (Hon).

BG WHL/125 INT: 1. Michael Young (Hon): 2. Christopher Gosselaar (Hon): 3. Clint Shepard (Suz); 4. Ryan Orr (Yam); 5. Nick Mairose (Hon).

125 PRO: 1. Casey Lytle (Hon): 2. Travis Preston (Yam); 3. Lex Malan (Suz); 4. Doug Parsons (Yam); 5. Brian Sweany (Hon).

250 BEG: 1. Joel Leighton (Kaw); 2. Brian Sherred (Hon); 3. Dustin Dailey (Hon); 3. Scott Felt (Kaw); 5. Russell Brenan (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Akira Sunada (Yam); 2. Brian Shaleen (Yam).

250 INT: 1. Chris Honnold (Kaw); 2. Jason Dubin (Suz); 3. Ronnie Densford (Yam); 4. Paul Gilmartin (Hon); 5. Scott McCollough (Yam).

250 PRO: 1. Casey Lytle (Hon); 2. Takeshi Kolkeda (Yam); 3. Doug Parsons (Yam); 4. Bill Sauro (Hon); 5. Tommy Shibayama (Suz).

500 BEG: 1. Jonnie Little (Suz).

JR VET BEG: 1. William Welchhance (Hon); 2. Seth Hoover (Hon); 3. Allan Tungate (Yam); 4. Shy Moshe (Hon).

JR VET NOV: 1. Brad Pietro (Suz); 2. Bruce Richards (Kaw); 3. Assaf Alush (Hon); 4. Gabi Abayou (Hon).

JR VET INT: 1. Chuck Kober (Suz).

VET BEG: 1. Rick McComb (Hon); 2. Jim Stufflebeam (Hon); 3. Mark Hesse (Hon); 4. Dave Hagberg (Hon); 5. Andy Flum (Yam).

VET NOV: 1. Vince Baioni (Hon); 2. Mike DeStefano (Kaw); 3. Bruce Richards (Kaw); 4. Rick Jurado (Hon); 5. Greg Martinez (Hon).

VET INT: 1. Jimmy Roberts (Hon); 2. Frank Costanzo (Hon); 3. Tony Bienert (KTM); 4. Edwardo Trippo III (Hon); 5. C.T. Watanabe (Hon).

VET EX PRO: 1 Tim Telford (Hon); 2. Rich Truchinski (Kaw); 3. Leo Saul (Yam); 4. Ken Neitzel (Kaw).

SR AM: 1. Ress Benson (Hon); 2. Rick Bohannan (Kaw); 3. Fred Willis (Hon).

SR EX: 1. Mark Brooks (Suz); 2. Randy Anderson (Yam); 3. Jack Gill (Hon); 4. Andy Gill (Hon); 5. Bob Dunham (Yam).

Mayfield wire to wire at Lodi Dirt Track

By Mike Law

LODI, CA, APR. 12
Steve Mayfield stayed calm and powered his Wood-Rotax to victory in the Open A short track at the Lodi Cycle Bowl. Mayfield shot around the pack in the first turn and cruised to victory on the somewhat bumpy track. Behind Mayfield the battle for the runner-up spot heated up with Andy Tresser victorious after executing several inside passes to overcome a second-row start.

"Setup wasn't too different compared to normal," Mayfield said after his victory. "We used a little less air pressure and were off a couple of clicks on the shocks. I got a good start and rode my own race. The last few laps was when I really felt the pressure. I didn't know who was back there, but I had a good idea. I didn't want to do anything stupid, so if he was going to pass me he'd have to do it on his own."

Mark Corsetti won the Pro-Am Expert Short Track race with room to spare over an absolute war for second place. Kevin Bricker, Rob Damron, Mayfield and Tresser fought lap after lap with Bricker edging out Damron at the checkered flag.

"We set the bike up with a long wheelbase and low tire pressure," said Bricker after his heat race. "We're getting prepared for the big pro race here in two weeks. It's going to be great."

Pee Wee C rivals Bobby Fong and Sean Jones dusted the competition in both the short track and TT. Second-place Jones fell in the hairpin in the TT main and still managed to finish second.

Five-year-old Daniel McDaniel, in only his second week of racing, finished second in the Pee Wee Stock short track and TT competition.

Matt Gomez Jr. charged from behind to pass Danny Casey in the 80cc A short track, then held off a challenge by Brandon Inderbitzen. Gomez then smoked the competition in the TT main by winning with a margin of over half a straightaway.

Hard-charging Tony Heiring continued his winning ways, with short track victories in the 125/250cc A/B combined race, and 125cc TT classes. Heiring is now 12 for 15 in two weeks of racing.

Results

Short Track

P/W STK: 1. Charles Semas (Yam); 2. Daniel McDaniel (Yam).

P/W STK B/C: 1. Sean Jones (KTM); 2. Bobby Fong (KTM).

P/W MOD: 1. Joseph Hernandez (LEM).

60: 1. Nick Moore (Kaw); 2. Ryan Kuntz (Kaw).

80 A: 1. Matt Gomez (Hon); 2. Brandon Inderbitzen (Hon); 3. Danny Casey (Yam).

80 B: 1. Jared McWhirter (Hon); 2. Frankie Lane (Suz).

100 A 1: Corey Eaton (Hon).

100 B: 1. Jesse Vankol (Hon).

KNOBBY: 1. Steve Nego (Hon); 2. Gus Weisier (Yam).

125: 1. Tony Heiring (Hon).

250 KNOBBY: 1. Robert Norris.

250 A/B: 1. Tony Meiring (Suz); 2. Shawn Raggio (Yam); 3. Tony Souza (Hon).

250 C: 1. Scott Corsetti (Yam); 2. Billy Hiles (Yam).

OPEN A: 1. Steve Mayfield (W-R); 2. Andy Tresser (W-R); 3. Toby Jorgensen (Rtx); 4. Lonnie Pauley (Rtx); 5. Rob Damron (W-R).

OPEN B: 1. Scott Whitaker (Rtx); 2. Marty Welsier (Rtx); 3. Chris Rudy (Hon); 4. Richard Arnold (Rtx); 5. Paul Sanburn (Yam).

OPEN C: 1. Takayuki Tanaguchi (Hon); 2. Nahiro Nakabayashi (Yam); 3. Matt Proto (Yam); 4. Harlund Johnson (Hon); 5. Jesse Vankol (Rtx).

VET A: 1. Matt Gomez (W-R); 2. Robert McDonnell (H-D); 3. Fred Faitersack (Hon).

VET C: 1. Paul Sanbum (Yam).

VINT 4 STK: 1. Matt Proto (Hon); 2. Mahlro Nakabayashi (Yam).

VINT TWIN: 1. Bud Riddle (Tri).

VINT 2-STRK: 1. Scott Ichelbough (Yam).

VINT C: 1. Billy Hiles (Yam); 2. Daryl Musto (Bul); 3. William Miller (Bul).

PRO-AM 250: 1. Craig Gonzales (Hon).

PRO-AM NOV: 1. Robert Grant (Rtx); 2. Bob Casey (Rtx); 3. Greg Riddle (Hbg); 4. Beau Brown (Rtx); 5. Sean Tollar (Rtx).

PRO-AM EX: 1. Mark Corsetti (W-R); 2. Kevin Bricker (Hon); 3. Rob Damron (W-R); 4. Steve Mayfield (W-R); 5. Andy Tresser (W-R).

TT

P/W STK C: 1. Charles Semas (Yam); 2. Danny McDaniel (Yam); 3. Anthony Fong (Yam).

P/W B: 1. Sean Jones (KTM).

P/W C: 1. Bobby Fong (LEM).

P/W MOD B: 1. Joseph Hernandez (LEM).

60: 1. Nick Moore (Kaw); 2. Derrick Ponton (Kaw).

80 A/B: 1. Matt Gomez (Hon); 2. Danny Casey (Yam); 3. Corey Eaton (Kaw); 4. Jason Grewe (Hon).

100 A: 1. Corey Eaton (Hon).

100 B: 1. Jesse Vankol (Hon).

125: 1. Tony Heiring (Hon).

250: 1. Steve Nego (Hon); 2. Robert Norris (Hon).

Frick quick at Phillipsville MX

By John Silva

PHIILLIPSVILLE, CA, APR. 6

Byron Frick topped the 250cc Intermediate class at the opening round of the Roosters 4X4 and Motorcycle Superstore Spring High-Point Series at Phillipsville MX. Over 250 riders were on hand to enjoy perfect track conditions on the Ken Beebe-designed course.

The 250cc Intermediate races saw Honda-mounted Scotty Turner grab the holeshot with Zack Bignon, Tom Elsea, Pete Ellis, Travis Rock, Jerry Johnson, Chris Bell, Frick and the rest giving chase. Frick moved past Johnson early on, then continued to move up through the leaders at a rate of about one pass per lap. Frick's progress was stalled when he reached Bignon, and the two battled for the last two laps, but Bignon held fast to win over Frick, Turner, Ellis and Elsea.

Frick's Blankenship Trucking-backed Kawasaki was quick off the gate in moto two, and paced the field for the entire seven-lap race. Taking second in the moto was Ellis, with Bignon, Lars Burnside and Turner placing third through fifth.

Frick also did well in the Unlimited class, (open to any sportsman rider), though he was no match for Kawasaki-mounted Kervyn Cole. Cole holeshot, then led every lap over fellow O&E Cycles-backed racer Zack Woodward, with Frick third in moto one and Kris Howes notching a third place for the second moto. Turner posted a pair of fourth-place finishes to notch third overall. Taking fourth overall was Craig Holt with a 5-5 score; Frick rounded out the top five thanks to a 3-8 moto tally.

The Expert classes were a runaway for popular pro rider Jake Windham, who wowed the crowd with his aerial stunts en route to both the 125cc and 250cc Pro wins. Giving chase in the 250cc class was Ricky Crenshaw, who turned a pair of thirds into second overall, besting Kervyn Cole and Mickey Crenshaw. Windham topped Dusty Jackson and J.R. Mason in the 125cc class.

Results

OPEN INT: 1. Kevin Thuemler (Kaw); 2. Donny Bailey (Hon); 3. Nick Bishop (Kaw).

OPEN NOV: 1. Tim Ward (Hon); 2. Mike Shallis (Kaw); 3. Don Meredith (Hon).

250 EX: 1. Jake Windham (Suz); 2. Ricky Crenshaw (Kaw); 3. Kervyn Cole (Kaw); 4. Mickey Crenshaw (Kaw); 5. Tony Mondo (Hon).

250 INT: 1. Byron Frick (Kaw); 2. Zack Bignon (Hon); 3. Peter Ellis (Hon); 4. Scotty Turner (Hon); 5. Chris Bell (Kaw).

250 NOV DIV 1: 1. Keith Brooks (Hon); 2. Mike Griffin (Suz); 3. Tom Dillard (Suz); 4. Joey Hall (Yam); 5. Mike Lotten (Suz).

250 NOV DIV 2: 1. Kevin Dougherty (Hon); 2. Sean Norbury (Kaw); 3. Tim Lilgeberg (Yam); 4. Marty Nepper (Kaw); 5. Donald Brown (Kaw).

125 EX: 1. Jake Windham (Suz); 2. Dusty Jackson (Kaw); 3. J.R. Mason (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Shawn Bushnell (Kaw); 2. Don Bainbridge (Kaw); 3. Josh Holt (Kaw); 4. Peter Ellis (Hon); 5. Kevin Palmer (Suz).

125 NOV: 1. Tim Crenshaw (Kaw); 2. Jedd Ambrosini (Kaw); 3. Russell Wallan (Yam); 4. Casey Ales (Yam); 5. Cole Wilson (Hon).

S/MINI: 1. T.J. Huggins (Hon).

80 INT: 1. Russell Wallan (Hon); 2. T.J. Huggins (Hon).

80 NOV: 1. Kyle Preciado (Kaw); 2. Kid Thompson (Kaw); 3. Keith Emerson (Yam).

80 BEG: 1. Jarad Bennett (Hon); 2. Kevin McKeag (Yam); 3. Joshua Hilliard (Hon); 4. Chad Sample (Kaw); 5. Jarred Shepp (Yam).

60 INT: 1. Ryan Dalton (Kaw).

60 NOV: 1. John Bonham (Kaw); 2. Jeremy Hontou (Kaw); 3. Jeremy Riley (Kaw); 4. Matthew Cobb (Kaw); 5. Ross Kuhnle (Kaw).

P/W (4-6): 1. Tyler Welsh (KTM); 2. Justin Lendahl (KTM); 3. Ricky Bolster (KTM); 4. Matt Schwarz (KTM); 5. Jordan Maceil (Hon).

P/W (7-11): 1. Tyler Dalton (KTM); 2. Jason Miller (LEM); 3. Zachary Harrison (KTM); 4. Brian Whitley (Yam); 5. Shane Erwin (KTM).

VET EX: 1. Kevin Knox (KTM).

VET INT: 1. Lars Burnside (Hon); 2. Jerry Johnson (Kaw); 3. Marv Miller (Kaw); 4. Nick Bishop (Kaw); 5. Alex Ringer (Hon).

VET NOV: 1. Mike Lotten (Suz); 3. Scott Welsh (KTM); 4. Dennis Christie (Yam); 5. Robert Colombi (Hon).

OT EX: 1. Dana Bray (KTM); 2. Joe Shepp (Yam).

OT NOV: 1. Eddie Brown (Hon); 2. Nick Steele (Hon); 3. David Wilson (Hon); 4. Kerstin Howes (Kaw); 5. Ken Bainbridge (Yam).

4-STK EX: 1. Kevin Knox (KTM); 2. Dana Bray (KTM); 3. Jon Cook (KTM).

4-STK INT: 1.Seth Carpenter (Hon); 2. Scott Goff (Hon); 3. Bo Curran (Hon); 4. Donny Bailey (Hon); 5. Kevin Goff (Kaw).

4-STK NOV: 1. Wally Shatluck (Hon); 2. Mike Casey (Hon); 3. Bill Dilliard (Hon); 4. Mark Wright (Hon); 5. Pat Conway (Hon).

BOMBER: 1. Paul Baker (Yam); 2. Danny Jensen (Yam); 3.David Larkin (Hon); 4. Amador Munoz (Hon); 5. Gordon Kuhnle (Suz).

VINT: 1. Ed Flanager (Hon); 2. Fred Ghashghei (CZ); 3. Monty Allison (Hus).

U/L: 1. Kervyn Cole (Kaw); 2. Zack Woodward (Kaw); 3. Scotty Turner (Hon); 4. Craig Holt (Kaw); 5. Byron Frick (Kaw).

AMA Nat'l Superbike Series, Laguna Seca
James Randolph* – 3rd, Pirelli Formula Xtreme
Brian Gibbs – 6th, Pirelli Formula Xtreme
Mark McDaniel – 4th, 750 Supersport
*(*broke '96 Laguna 750 SS lap record on D.O.T. Pirelli Dragons!)*

CCS
James Randolph – 1st, 750 Supersport, Buttonwillow
– 1st, Unlimited Supersport, Buttonwillow
James Bronson – 1st, MW Superbike Expert, Homestead
– 1st, MW GP Expert, Homestead

Suzuki Cup
Brian Gibbs – 1st, 750 Supersport, Roebling Road
James Randolph – 2nd, 750 Supersport, Roebling Road
Shane Preito – 1st, Unlimited Supersport, Moroso Park

AMA Nat'l Hare Scrambles
Randy Hawkins – 1st, Good Springs, PA

AMA 125 East. Supercross
Jim Neese – 5th, Pontiac
Charley Bogard – 9th, Pontiac
Doug DeHaan – 7th, Charlotte
Jim Neese – 8th, Charlotte

World 250 MX Championship
Tallon Vohland – 2nd, Netherlands
Stefan Everts – 3rd, Netherlands

AMA Grand Nat'l Cross Country
Scott Summers – 1st, Big Buck
– 2nd, Clarksburg, WV
Barry Hawk – 4th, 250A, Clarksburg, WV

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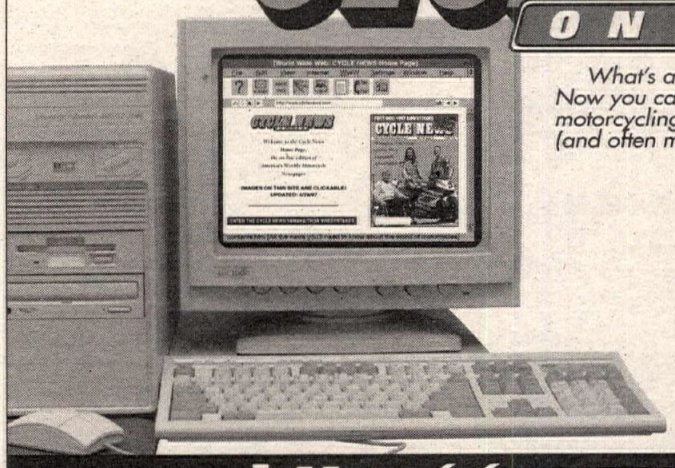

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(Left) James Venator (49) pulls the holeshot in the 250cc Expert class over Ricky Rhodes (21), Danny Sauder (1) and Josh Craddock (66) at round three of the TCCRA Cross Country Series in Village Creek, Texas.
(Above) Josh Stice won the 125cc Beginner class during the Spring Night Series at the Starwest Motocross Parkin Moreno Valley, California.

Spencer rolls at Village Creek CC

By Gary Benton
Photo by Darryl Smith

VILLAGE CREEK, TX, MAR. 23
Round three of the Texas Cross Country Racing Series was held at Village Creek Motocross Park and former Pro motocrosser Kirk Spencer took the win in the Over 30 Expert class after a 10-year layoff from cross country racing. With no rain in sight and the temperature in the 80s the riders were anxious to get under way. Promoter Terry Cordray laid out a short and relatively easy 7-mile course that had only one bad spot - a deep creek crossing that riders could either jump or ride through.

Spencer battled with Mark Rakestraw for most of the race with the two taking turns leading until the last lap when Spencer took the lead for good. Rakestraw finished a close second with points leader Adrian Jacobs a distant third and Steve Reavis coming across in fourth.

Clay Hoenshell was back to his winning ways leading every lap of the Pro race and was never really challenged. KTM-mounted Dean Lane overcame a few early-race crashes to finish about a minute behind Hoenshell. The tight and twisty track did not seem to favor Lane's big thumper like the wide-open Gholson track where Lane was unstoppable a few weeks ago. Donnie McMillon rode a consistent pace and was rewarded with a solid third place finish. North Texas Yamaha rider Mike Abbott was fourth and Scott Lohr was fifth.

In the A/B class, Aaron Gay was the surprise winner after Glen Boyett and Todd Myers both ran out of gas on the last lap. Gay was the leader after one lap with Myers and Boyett close behind. For the next five laps, Boyett and Myers battled wheel to wheel with Gay and Brian Bames a few minutes behind. Boyett took over the lead on the last lap when the gas disaster struck both the Yamaha riders. Gay cruised by both the stalled riders for the win with Barnes following in second. Myers was quick to refuel and salvaged a third-place finish. KX-rider Mark McDonald was next in fourth place with Boyett rounding out the field in fifth.

Results

PRO: 1. Clay Hoenshell (Suz); 2. Dean Lane (KTM); 3. Donnie McMillon (Suz); 4. Mike Abbott (Yam); 5. Scott Lohr (Yam).

AA: 1. David Culpepper (Suz); 2. Bobby Southard (KTM); 3. Tom Robinson (Suz); 4. Jay Nauclo (Kaw); 5. Dana Wright (Suz).

A/B: 1. Aaron Gay (Hon); 2. Brian Bames (Yam); 3. Todd Myers (Yam); 4. Mark McDonald (Kaw); 5. Glen Boyett (Yam).

OPEN EX: 1. Marty Ishmael (Kaw); 2. Russ Clark (KTM); 3. Joe Holmberg (Hon); 4. Johnny LaMance (Hon); 5. Don Henson (KTM).

250 EX: 1. Todd Slavic (KTM); 2. Todd Hutson (Kaw); 3. Danny Souder (Kaw); 4. Michael Worrell (Kaw); 5. Will Pattison (Kaw).

30+ EX: 1. Kirk Spencer (Yam); 2. Mark Rakestraw (Yam); 3. Adrian Jacobs (Yam); 4. Steve Reavis (Yam); 5. Gregg Royar (Suz).

125/200 EX: 1. Barry Stanley (Kaw); 2. Todd Holder (Kaw); 3. Doug Mosch (Hon); 4. Rick Blasingaine (Suz); 5. Scott Woodard (Kaw).

38+ EX: 1. Douglas Taft (Yam); 2. Mike Connell (Hon); 3 David McKelvy (Suz); 4. Dan Burch (Hon); 5. Tom Johnson (Suz).

45+ EX: 1. Gene Pannell (Yam); 2. Mike Gleason (Hon); 3. Ronald Mullin (Hon); 4. Dusty Tower (Kaw); 5. Charles Robinson (KTM).

50+ EX: 1. Loyd Morgan (Suz); 2. Bill Flemrning Sr. (Suz); 3. Dwight Leatherwood (KTM); 4. Hazen Smith (Hon); 5. Dave Bumap (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Cody Starek (Kaw); 2. Trace Van Shuler (Yam) 3. Boy Boy Scheel (Suz); 4. Robert Bates (Yam); 5. Brian Fisher (Kaw).

30+ INT: 1. Joey Marcom (Yam); 2. Tommy Seth (Yam); 3. Doug Dixon (Kaw); 4. Douglas Richard (Suz); 5. Glen Eiland (Yam).

38+ INT: 1. Ronny Donald (Hon); 2. Jimmy Brigis (Hon); 3. Mark Bergman (Suz); 4. John Essinger (Yarn); 5. Carl Dejameatt (Kaw).

45+ INT: 1. Jerry Boren (Hon); 2. Kerry Foster (Kaw); 3. Don Cannon (Kaw); 4. John Ntera (Hon); 5. Robert King (Kaw).

4-STRK EX: 1. Mike Moore (Hus); 2. David Lucas Jr. (Hon); 3. Cecil Parker (Hus); 4. Aaron E. Jones (Hon); 5. Courtny Christian (Hon).

4-STRK INT: 1. Will Ford (Hon); 2. Steve Turner (Hon); 3. Mike Garner (Hon); 4. Donny Alumbaugh (Hon); 5. Steve Channell (Hon).

125 INT: 1. Mitch Webster (Suz); 2. Chris Abbott (Yam); 3. Jacob Cozby (Suz); 4. Bryan Miller (Hon); 5. Chris Horton (Yam).

OPEN AM: 1. Ron Daniel (KTM); 2. Tom Payne (KTM); 3. Lance Churchman (KTM); 4. Steve Sprong (ATK); 5. Alan Holmberg (Hon).

250 AM: 1. Christopher Martin (Kaw); 2. Todd McClendon (Kaw); 3 Jeff Dodd (Yam); 4. Shannon Thompson (Hon); 5. Randy Foster (Yam).

200 AM: 1. Dennis Davis (Kaw); 2. Quay Cooke (Kaw); 3. John Hanison (Kaw); 4. Danny McDonald (Kaw); 5. Ben Sorenson (Kaw).

4-STRK AM: 1. Jimmy Smart (Kaw); 2. Robert Jones (Hon); 3 Greg White (Hon); 4. David Waller (Hon); 5. Mark Deal (Hus).

125 AM: 1. Richey Barker; 2. Christopher Leonard (Kaw); 3. J.D. Everheart (Yam); 4. Geoff Speed (Yam); 5. Chris Baula (Kaw).

30+ AM: 1. Howard Kirk Goad (Hon); 2. David Rogers; 3. Scott Pomeroy (Hon); 4. Lany Smith (Hon); 5. Robert Clark (Yam).

38+ AM: 1. William Martin (Hon); 2. Cary Watson (KTM); 3. Roy Thacker (Suz); 4. Richard Riggs (Suz); 5. James Dean Rice (KTM).

45+ AM: 1. Danny Hagins (Yam); 2. David Lucas Sr. (Kaw); 3. Ernest Walley (Kaw); 4. Richard Kull (Kaw); 5. Dale Little (Kaw).

50+ AM: 1. Don Willbanks (Hon); 2. Skip Gove (Yam); 3. Grady Burch (KTM); 4. Max Brand (Kaw); 5. Joe Brittain (KTM).

MINI EX: 1. Bryan Miller (Kaw); 2. Brian Mullin (Kaw); 3. Jeremy Johnston (Kaw); 4. Clay Leaverton (Hon).

WMN EX: 1. Bethany Jacobs (Yam); 2. Shelley Dixon (Kaw); 3. Cathy Craig (Hon); 4. Alice Fowers (Hon); 5. Gayle Culpepper (Suz).

WMN INT: 1. Tabitha Freeman (Hon); 2. Shannon McKamy (Hon); 3. Julie Shields (Hon); 4. Tina Yarbrough (Hon); 5. Dawn Beimler (Hon).

MINI AM: 1. Chad Kawata (Hon); 2. Mike McGoven; 3. Curtis Abbott (Yam); 4. James Shires (Kaw); 5. Jason Flowers (Kaw).

WMN AM: 1. Patty Vowell (Hon); 2. Sylvia Langford (Yam); 3. Bonnie Lamb (Hon); 4. Summer Allen (Hon); 5. Cindy Curtis (Kaw).

Stice sizzles at Starwest MX

By Tony Alessi

MORENO VALLEY, CA, APR. 5
Josh Stice was on fire in the 125cc Beginner class as he dominated both motos to claim the overall victory during the Spring Night Series held at Starwest Motocross Park.

Bobby Lee led the way during the start of the first 125cc Beginner class moto but was swooped by Stice who flew high over the track double jumps. From that point forward, Stice pointed his CR toward the finish line and easily went on to win the moto. Brice Blair kept his KX singing for a solid second, while early-leader Lee crossed the line in third in front of Cory Mortansen and Jayson Ehlers.

The second moto saw Stice go down in turn two and remount in last place. Mortansen was out front on his RM and led for the first half of the moto. In the end, Stice picked himself up, dusted off and charged past the entire field for the moto and overall win. Mortansen held on to second while Andy Stephens, Ehlers and Lee rounded out the top five.

Carlos Gonzalez was king of the 60cc ranks and easily topped a field of over 30 racers. Gonzalez pulled the holeshot during both motos and raced unchallenged to the overall win. Kelly Tedder and Jarred Brown duked it out for second with Tedder securing the position at the finish.

Kyle Foltz won his first 80cc 7- to 11-year-old class race of the season on his new KX. Foltz battled Justin Workman in the first moto for the win, but in the second moto Foltz finished a solid second behind CR-mounted Tyson Talkington. When the dust settled, Foltz scored the night's overall win with a 1-2 finish, topping Talkington's 6-1 and Bruce Wilkinson's 4-3.

Results

Small Track

P/W STRTR (4-6): 1. Shayne Pickering (KTM); 2. Krystal Kramer (KTM); 3. Cody Hancock (KTM); 4. Brett Hottel (Yam); 5. James Merrill (LEM).

P/W STRTR (7-8): 1. Tyler Hopson (LEM); 2. Deick Djawaherian (Yam); 3. Scotty Miranda (Yam); 4. Michael Hotel (Yam).

P/W STK BEG (4-6): 1. Donnie Kearney (KTM); 2. Michael Hall (KTM); 3. Alan Jiron (LEM).

P/W STK BEG (7-8): 1. A.J. Kuschatka (Cob); 2. Shawn Hayes (Lem); 3. Ryan Parker (KTM); 4. Tyler Sievers (LEM); 5. Brandon Valcare (LEM).

P/W 50 (7-8): 1. Brian Djavahevian (Yam).

P/W STK A: 1. Bryce Terzian (KTM); 2. Mike Meade (Cob); 3. Chaz Diesel (Cob); 4. Brandon Spencer (KTM).

P/W STK B: 1. Steven Leveda (KTM); 2. Danny Gonzalez (LEM); 3. Bradley Pace (LEM); 4. Roberto Jiron (LEM).

P/W MOD A: 1. Mike Meade (Cob); 2. Brady Huntley (LEM); 3. Chaz Diesel (Cob); 4. Bryce Terzian (KTM); 5. Brandon Spencer (KTM).

P/W MOD B: 1. Chad Herbert (LEM); 2. Casey Huntley (LEM).

P/W MOD BEG (4-6): 1. Myles Wall (LEM).

P/W MOD BEG (7-8): 1. Justin Mulford (LEM); 2. A.J. Kuschatka (Cob); 3. Shawn Hayes (LEM); 4. Brett Catron (KTM); S. Jesse Ryan (KTM).

S/P/W: 1. Mike Meade (Cob); 2. Bradley Huntley (LEM); 3. Chad Herbert (LEM); 4. Chaz Diesel (Cob); 5. Casey Huntley (LEM).

Main Track

P/W STK: 1. Bryce Rutherford (LEM); 2. A.J. Kuschatka (Cob); 3. Roberto Jiron (LEM); 4. Donnie Kearney (KTM); 5. Michael Hall (KTM).

P/W MOD: 1. Bryce Terzian (KTM); 2. Chad Herbert (LEM): 3. Gerald Rodriquez (LEM); 4. Corry Huntley (LEM); 5. Brady Huntley (LEM).

S/P/W: 1. Jake Hullett (KTM); 2. Mike Maede (Cob); 3. Brandon Million (Cob).

60 BEG (6-9): 1. Cody Bradbury (Kaw); 2. Chase Takacs (Kaw).

60 JR (6-8): 1. Jeff Loop (Kaw); 2. Travis Christensen (Kaw).

60 JR (9-11): 1. Carlos Gonzalez (Kaw); 2. Kelly Tedder (Kaw); 3. Jared Browne (Kaw); 4. Donald Choller (Kaw); 5. Justin Workman (Kaw).

80 BEG (0-11): 1. Kyle Foltz (Kaw); 2. Tyson Talkington (Hon); 3. Bruce Wilkinson (Hon); Andrew Petrie (Kaw); 5. Justin Workman (Kaw).

80 BEG (0-11): 1. Kyle Foltz (Kaw); 2. Tyson Talkington (Hon); 3. Bruce Wilkinson (Hon); 4. Andre Petrie (Kaw); 5. Justin Workman (Kaw).

80 BEG (12-16): 1. Nate Jones (Yam); 2. Jimbo Bradbury (Hon); 3. Nat Murphy (Suz); 4. Kenny Prichard (Hon); 5. Ian Kuschatka (Hon).

80 (0-11): 1. Cale Wallace (Yam); 2. Scott Simon (Suz); 3. Brent Line (Suz); 4. Daniel Taft (Suz); 5. Kevin Hunter (Yam).

80 (12-13): 1. Adam Bisso (Yam); 2. Austin Jones (Suz); 3. Kevin Payne (Hon).

80 (14-16): 1. Sean Hamblin (Yam); 2. Richie Owens (Yam).

80 S/MINI: 1. Shane Bess (Suz).

125 BEG: 1. Josh Stice (Hon); 2. Cory Mortansen (Suz); 3. Bobby Lee (Yam); 4. Andy Stephens (Yam); 5. Jayson Ehlers (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Nathan Craig (Suz); 2. Mike Camp (Kaw); 3. Matt Williams (Kaw); 4. Sean Clarke (Kaw); 5. Jeremy Tooker (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Bryan McGavran (Yam); 2. Neil Alonzo (Kaw); 3. Bullfrog Newcomer (Yam); 4. Rob Suendsen (Kaw); 5. Chris Ladely (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Donald Upton (Yam); 2. Colin Eberly (Yam); 3. David Ferrier.

250 BEG: 1. Ryan Magin (Yam); 2. Paul Smith (Suz); 3. John Brewton (Hon); 4. Jason Bevans (Hon); 5. Kevin Matty (Kaw).

25+ BEG: 1. Mike Wagner (Hon); 2. Dave Teague (Suz); 3. Chris Taylor (Hon); 4. Mike Anderson (Yam).

25+ NOV: 1. John Turner (Suz); 2. Eric Klement (Yam).

25+ INT: 1. Alex Zapata (Yam).

30+ BEG: 1. Cameron Funk (Suz); 2. Elmer Sillies (Hon); 3. Anthony Rose (Hon); 4. Louie Tozser (Hon); 5. Jerry Snell (Hon).

30 NOV: 1. Jim Bradbury (Hon); 2. Mike Dunlap (Kaw); 3. Jim Masters (Kaw).

40+ NOV/INT: 1. Ray Simmons (Hon); 2. Tom Ebarly (Yam).

Murray/Bellato take SRA sidecar National

By Rick Murray

PORTLAND, OR, APR. 27
Rick Murray and partner Heather Bellato won the rain-shortened second round of the Sidecar Racers Association National series sponsored by Krank$_2$o, Barnett Tool & Engineering and Hack'd Magazine. The Oregon Motorcycle Road Racing Association provided time for the event in their club series at Portland International Raceway.

Rain threatened all weekend and reared its head on Saturday night, leaving the track quite wet for Sunday's races as another front moved in. As the two-man teams made the first sighting lap, the rooster tails from the rear tires shot 20 feet in the air as all of the hacks came slipping around to line up for the start.

As the flag dropped the teams launched into the wet with Frank Riolo/Victor Bernasconi leading into turn one followed by Pete Essaff/Art Morris, Murray/Belletto, and Ed Ramones/Craig Evans. On lap two, Beyor/Crueger edged by Ramones/Evans in the twisty back area to take over third. Lap three saw Essaff/Morris get passed by Murray/Belletto, Hal Beyor/Dennis Crueger and Ramones/Evans, dropping them to fifth.

On lap four Riolo/Bernasconi did a couple of grass-bound 360s coming out of turn four, letting three teams by. The new team of Tim Coughlin/Dawna Hollway ran a good race with consistent lines only to be sidelined with a mechanical problem. On lap five Beyor/Crueger slid out, moving Essaff/Morris to second, Ramones/Evans to third and the hard-charging Riolo/Bernasconi to fourth.

Coming out of turn nine on lap six, Essaff/Morris lost traction first to the right, then to the left which flipped the hack over onto the track. The alert corner workers flipped the outfit over and Essaff popped out. He and Morris then pushed the outfit off to a standing ovation from the large crowd.

The race was stopped due to the incident and since the race was half over, the results stood, with Essaff/Morris being put to last place due to causing the red flag. Murray/Bellato finished first, with Ramones/Evans and Riolo/Bernasconi rounding out the top three.

Results

SDCAR: 1. Rick Murray/Heather Belletto (Kaw); 2. Ed Ramones/Craig Evans (Hon); 3. Frank Riolo/Victor Bernasconi (Suz); 4. Hal Beyor/Dennis Cruger (Kaw); 5. Greg Roberts/Gary Costa (Suz).

Dawson dominates KB Racing SX

By Bret Eckert

SACRAMENTO, CA, APR. 25
Jesse Dawson swept three out of four motos to claim overall wins in the 125 and 250cc Novice divisions at this week's KB Racing-sponsored night motocross. Dawson used a combination of consistency and strong riding skills to pilot his Mike's Cycles/Maxima/GutsRacing/WD-40/Sprocket Specialist- sponsored Kawasakis to victories in both displacement categories.

Adam Portue began moto one of the ultra competitive 125cc Novice division with the holeshot and carried it through the first lap. The Honda of Freddy Weichers was running in second with Dawson getting a midpack start and advancing to third at the end of lap one. The top

three rode hard and distanced themselves from the rest of the class. Portue kept his BVH/Fox/PJ1/Smith-sponsored Honda in the lead for the first four laps until a momentary lack of concentration allowed both Weichers and Dawson to get by on lap five. Weichers held off Dawson's attempts at a pass and ultimately took the checkers ahead of Dawson's Kawasaki. Portue regained his composure and crossed the finish line in third on his Bass Racing-sponsored Suzuki.

Moto one of the 250cc Novice race started off better for Dawson. He was able to catch a better gate which produced a much higher second place position at the end of the first lap behind the Wright Motors-sponsored Honda of Waylon Hall. Hall's lead would be short lived, however, as Dawson advanced to the lead on the third lap. Hall battled for the rest of the moto for second with Bob Hicks on a Honda XR. The Rancho M/C Dismantling-sponsored rider showed that a four-stroke can indeed run with the two-strokes. At the checkers, Dawson had a clear victory with Hall holding off Hicks for second.

Moto two in the 125cc Novice class looked promising for Portue as he grabbed another holeshot. Behind him there were new faces up front as the Honda's of Brandon Jones, Weichers and Steve Thinger followed. Dawson again was mired with a midpack start and completed the first lap in fifth. On lap two Weichers bailed and Thinger fell off the torrid pace, allowing Dawson to move up to third behind Merced Poser Sports/Guts Racing-sponsored Jones. Dawson began a charge on lap four displacing Jones for second and finally pushed his Kawasaki into the lead on lap five. There were no changes at the finish and Dawson's 2-1 moto scores were good for the overall. Portues' 3-2 netted him second overall and Jones took third via his 4-3 tally.

The final moto of the 250cc Novice class saw the Kawasaki of Roseville Cycle-sponsored John Moore in the lead. He was followed by Tom Fields out of Healdsburg and Dawson in third. Dawson had youth on his side during his fourth moto of the evening and on the fourth lap began his charge to the front. He zapped Fields for second and began setting up Moore for a pass. Dawson made his was around a tiring Moore on the fifth lap. When the checkered flag fell it was Dawson all alone and Moore maintaining second. Hall recovered from a last-place start and made an amazing recovery for third.

Dawson's 1-1 domination left no doubt who was the fastest 250cc Novice rider of the evening. Hall's 2-3 were good for second overall and Moore earned third with 6-2 finishes. On a side note, Shane Esposito and Jeff Brownlee, both on Suzuki's in the 125cc Pro class, put on an ariel exhibition. They cleared not only the finish line table top jump, but also the following jump another 40 feet down track. Lap after lap they wowed the spectators with their mega leaps.

Results

50 BEG: 1. J.D. Moore (Lem); 2. Beau Weigand (Lem); 3. Jimmy Breneisen (Lem); 4. Scotty Craven (KTM); 5. Joshua Greco (Yam).

50 NOV: 1. Matthew Spencer (KTM); 2. Kyle Plunkett (KTM); 3. Stenson Womack (KTM).

60 BEG: 1. Kyle Parino (Kaw); 2. Ryan Watkins (Kaw); 3. Aaron Makinen (Kaw); 4. Matthew Spencer (Kaw); 5. Brent Lund (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Casey Ahrens (Hon); 2. Cole Bridenbaker (Kaw); 3. Aaron Dosh (Kaw); 4. Jeff Kovach (Yam); 5. Shawn Watkins (Hon).

80 NOV: 1. Kyle Marsalla (Yam); 2. Scott Stetler (Suz); 3. A.J. Perez (Suz); 4. Matt McCrummen (Yam); 5. Eric McCrummen (Yam).

80 INT: 1. Kenny Bell (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Pat Harlow (Hon); 2. Nate Williams (Yam); 3. Tim Granade (Yam); 4. Robert Ferreira (Yam); 5. Dallas Hinds (Kaw).

125 NOV: 1. Jesse Dawson (Kaw); 2. Adam Portue (Suz); 3. Brandon Jones (Hon); 4. Freddy Weichers (Hon); 5. Kenny Bell (Yam).

125 EXP: 1. Shane Esposito (Suz); 2. Jeff Brownlee (Suz); 3. Cody Killiam (Kaw).

250 BEG: 1. Gary Dunn (Kaw); 2. Troy Cross (Hon); 3. Eric Castaneda (Kaw); 4. Jerry Leath (Yam); 5. Keith Decker (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Jesse Dawson (Kaw); 2. Waylon Hall (Hon); 3. John Moore (Kaw); 4. Cory Bunse (Hon); 5. Tommy Fields (Suz).

VET BEG: 1. Troy Cross (Hon); 2. Brian Ballard (Hon); 3. Edward Slack (KTM); 4. Al Augulo (Hon); 5. Randy Newton (Kaw).

VET NOV: 1. David Harvey (Yam); 2. John Moore (Kaw); 3. Bob Hicks (Hon); 4. Scott Stormer (Hon); 5. Bob Mitchell (Hon).

VET EX: 1. Shawn Freiling (Kaw).

Angelo aces Barona Oaks MX

By Homer Eubanks

RAMONA, CA, APR. 13

Regular series motocross action at Barona Oaks provided all in attendance with plenty of close quarters racing action with Pro rider Angelo Ingrande taking the class win.

Josh Tarantino saw Ingrande take the holeshot in the first race. However, Ingrande didn't seem to have the energy level that Tarantino had and watched as Tarantino took over midway in the eight-lap race. At the checkered flag, Tarantino crossed the line with a couple of seconds to spare over Ingrande.

In the second moto, Tarantino took off first but this time Ingrande showed new vigor and dogged Tarantino's every move. Ingrande made a pass on lap three with the hard-charging Tarantino right on his tail. Tarantino came back on the sixth lap to again take control, but Ingrande flew past on the following lap. The two traded positions a couple of times during the next lap but at the end of the race, it was Ingrande who took the win and prize money.

In the Old Pharts A division, Cory Falter took the first moto win with Don Connelly having to settle for second. Connelly dropped his Suzuki in race one, but next time out took control from the gate. Falter managed second in the moto, taking second overall and Connelly snared first with a 2-1.

Everything went wrong in the Old Pharts B first moto with four separate crashes occurring on the first lap. Pat Ireland, an Over 40 rider, came out the worst with a shattered knee and broken ankle.

Jeremy Stenberg took the win in the 125cc 12- to 15-year-old Open class with a first moto win and a second moto runner-up finish to John Hopkins. Hopkins earned second after placing third in moto one behind David Fox.

Cory MaComber won the 125cc Novice division with a 2-1 effort. MaComber followed David Fox across the line in the first moto but came back strong in the second for the win.

Joey Navarro won the 80cc Beginner class without winning a single moto. Navarro finished second in round one to Kyle de Quillettes, then followed Kevin Kane across the finishline in the second moto.

Christopher Lounsbury won the Pee Wee First Timer class after finishing second in moto one to Cory Branch. Lounsbury came back to dominate the second moto over Branch, who snagged second overall.

Results

INTRO TO MX: 1. Justin Herrmann (Kaw); 2. Christine Thelund (Kaw); 3. Corey Dawson (Yam); 4. Nate Andreozzi (Yam); 5. Kyle Adams (Kaw).

P/W FRST TMR: 1. Christopher Lounsbury (Yam); 2. Cory Branch (Yam); 3. Steven Lewis (KTM); 4. Dakota Garner (Yam); 5. Steven Baquail (KTM).

P/W (0-6): 1. Michael Hall (KTM).

P/W STK (7-8): 1. Steven Cerda (KTM); 2. Brad Baquail (LEM); 3. Clayton Murallo (LEM).

JR CYCLE A (0-8): 1. Cody Seevers (Kaw); 2. Erik Speck (Kaw); 3. Matt Rose (Kaw); 4. Gilroy Smith (Kaw); 5. Alberto Heredia (Kaw).

JR CYCLE B (0-8): 1. Chase Takacs (Kaw); 2. Kyle Spaulding (Kaw); 3. Zachery Johnson (Kaw); 4. Steven Cerda (Kaw); 5. Jinume Kelley (Kaw).

JR CYCLE (9-11): 1. Ryan Beat (Kaw); 2. Brad Masters (Kaw); 3. Dane Jackson (Kaw); 4. Candice Motshagen (Kaw); 5. Ivan Shultz (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Joey Navarro (Kaw); 2. Kyle De Quillettes (Yam); 3. Kevin Kane (Kaw); 4. Gene Miller (Yam); 5. Waylon Blocker (Suz).

80 NOV: 1. Travis Bemis (Hon); 2. Josh Navarro (Kaw); 3. Richard Albach (Yam); 4. Shaun Connelly (Suz); 5. David Meyers (Hon).

80 INT: 1. Jesse Casillas (Yam); 2. Dusten Watson (Suz).

80 (9-11): 1. Ryan Beat (Hon); 2. Clinton Pierce (Suz); 3. Shaun Connelly (Suz); 4. Marc Abemathy (Kaw); 5. Tristan Kallas (Hon).

S/MINI: 1. Dustin Watson (Suz); 2. Nick Tyree (Yam); 3. Shawn Connelly (Suz); 4. Jesse Castilas (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. John Montgomery (Yam); 2. Jonathan Wilowick (Yam); 3. Tim Kniffing (Yam); 4. Deven Schneider (Yam); 5. Joshua Tupa (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Corey MaComber (Yam); 2. David Fox (Yam); 3. Matt Condon (Yam); 4. Peter Scully (Yam).

125 NOV MOD: 1. Michael Sleeter (Yam); 2. Jake Elkins (Kaw); 3. Travis Frink (Kaw); 4. Greg Chimits (Suz); 5. John Hopkins (Suz).

125 INT: 1. Wilson Nichols (Hon); 2. Michael Fox (Yam); 3. Manny Arias (Hon).

125 (12-15): 1. Jeremy Stenberg (Yam); 2. John Hopkins (Suz); 3. David Fox (Yam); 4. Joshua Tupa (Yam); 5. Corey MaComber (Yam).

125 (16-25): 1. Angelo Ingrande (Yam); 2. Michael Sleeter (Yam); 3. Ron Loftin (Yam); 4. Jake Elkins (Kaw); 5. Michael Fox (Yam).

250 BEG: 1. Peter Leo (Suz); 2. Matt Hagstrom (Yam); 3. Brett Duff (Hon); 4. Ryan Needles (Hon); 5. John Mesa (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Carl Chase (Kaw); 2. Deron Stifman (Yam); 3. Zach Conizales (Suz); 4. Jeff Ahronjani (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Daniel Nichols (Hon); 2. Shawn Ireland (Hon).

WMN: 1. Jennifer Nelson (Kaw); 2. Jeanne Swangen (Suz); 3. Sean Hoeft (Suz).

OLD PHARTS B (25-34): 1. Chris Carpenter (Yam); 2. Jayson Monroe (Yam); 3. Mickey Rogers (Yam); 4. Frank Aragaki (Kaw); 5. Matt Berwager (Yam).

OLD PHARTS B (35-39): 1. Kevin Barrett (Kaw); 2. Les Abemathy (Kaw); 3. Kent Hoeft (Suz); 4. Mike Pridgeon (Hon); 5. Joe Bohlsa (Hon).

OLD PHARTS B (40+): 1. David Hassell (Yam); 2. Frank Hamlett (Hon); 3. Rick Cheshire (Yam); 4. Chuck Fox (Suz); 5. John Conney (Suz).

OLD PHARTS A (30-39): 1. Don Connelly (Suz); 2. Cory Falter (Kaw); 3. George Speck (Hon); 4. Greg Luck (Hon).

PRO: 1. Angelo Ingrande (Hon); 2. Josh Tarantino (Yam); 3. Lars Erik Larssen (Hon); 4. David Demangos (Hon).

(Right) Jeff Hillis (12) grabs the holeshot in the Senior I division in the at the Malvern MX Park in Ohio.

Wheeler, Hillis manhandle Malvern

By Deb and Steve Middlesworth

MALVERN, OH, APR. 6

A record 577 riders signed up for the season opener at Malvern MX park as the Competition Riders of America kicked off its 1977 outdoor series. Another 1200 came through the gate as spectators and watched Greg Wheeler and Jeff Hillis run away with both moto victories in their respective groups in the Senior I division. Both Wheeler and Willis were aboard Hondas and led the charge from start to finish.

Wheeler grabbed the first-moto holeshot and quickly put a gap between himself and KTM-mounted Johnny Young and the Honda of Glen Zimmerman. Midway through the race, Zimmerman managed to slip by Young for the runner-up spot but had no chance of catching Wheeler. Wheeler cruised to victory with Zimmerman and Young filling out the top three, in that order.

At the start of moto two Wheeler again emerged from turn one with the lead. Randy Hale made a valant effort on his Kawasaki to stick with the leader early on and he was joined in the pursuit by Zimmerman. The race quickly became a battle for second as Wheeler stretched a big lead into a wide margin of victory. Hale was able to retain his grip on second with Zimmerman ending up third.

Hillis holeshot the first moto of his Senior I group and made it look easy. Dean Woolf and his Suzuki and and Yamaha-mounted John Maley diced for the number two position, a few seconds behind Hillis. Hillis rode a mistake-free moto and cruised across the finish line about six seconds ahead of Woolf and Maley.

Moto two was a replay for Hillis as he took the first-turn lead again, leaving Maley to deal with the Honda of Mike Smith. Kawasaki-mounted Mark Baumann was in close pursuit and among those waging battle for second. Hillis stretched out his lead as the race wore on and he crossed the finish line with several seconds to spare. Maley stuck it out to finish second while Smith finished third, holding off the attacks of Baumann.

In Pro-class action, Honda-mounted Dave Hand narrowly beat out Team Green's Vince Karnow for the top honors in the 250cc class. Karnow, however, won the 125cc class with Honda-mounted Jason Rogers nailing down second.

Wheeler was a double-class winner as he also swept the Open B/C class. Kawasaki-mounted Mathew Barnes also won twice on the day, capturing both the Junior Mini and Super Mini classes.

The season-opener also saw the debut of two new classes: Heavyweight (250cc and up) and Lightweight (125cc and below) money races. The classes will use a two-moto format that pays by moto and will be open to anyone wanting to share in the 150 percent pay-back purse. Vince Karnow won both of the Lightweight motos and split with Dave Hand in the Heavyweight class.

Results

JR P/W: 1. D. Kiownapple (KTM); 2. M. Schaffer (LEM); 3. M. Scott (KTM); 4. R. Hunt (KTM); 5. S. Ferry (Yam).

SR. P/W: 1. K. Mull (Cob); 2. S. Dye (Cob); 3. J. VanFossen (Cob); 4. K. Ditcher (KTM); 5. S. Spagina (KTM).

60: 1. P. Bechtel (Kaw); 2. A.J. Hattery (Kaw); 3. R. Kendall (Kaw); 4. J. Rice (Kaw); 5. G. Kaminski (Kaw).

JR MINI: 1. M. Barnes (Suz); 2. D. Espenschied (Hon); 3. K. Crookham (Hon); 4. M. Tolliver (Suz); 5. P. Bechtel (Kaw).

SR MINI: 1. T. Leggett (Kaw); 2. M. Simms (Hon); 3. B. McVay (Suz); 4. J. Klase (Yam); 5. S. Lewis (Kaw).

S/MINI: 1. M. Barnes (Suz); 2. D. Espenschied (Hon); 3. T. Klase (Yam); 4. D. Neil (Kaw); 5. J. McKenney (Yam).

SCHBY: 1. F. Spagina (Yam); 2. T. Leggett (Kaw); 3. R. Nezbeth (Kaw); 4. N. Lauro (Suz); 5. C. Emshoff (Suz).

WMN: 1. K. Crookham (Hon); 2. A. Moore (Suz).

125 A: 1. V. Karnow (Kaw); 2. J. Rogers (Hon); 3. M. Howell (Hon); 4. B. Bellinger (Yam); 5. J. Pope (Hon).

125 B DIV 1: 1. D. Lewis (Hon); 2. S. Rapose (Suz); 3. J. McGuire (Suz); 4. B. Centofanti (Suz); 5. D. Kacmar (Hon).

125 B DIV 2: 1. B. Snyder (Hon); 2. D. Jones (Kaw); 3. B. Belsole (Hon); 4. M. Eash (Kaw); 5. N. Volk (Hon).

125 C DIV 1: 1. J. Hornberger (Hon); 2. P. French (Yam); 3. M. Cosma (Suz); 4. B. Ortt (Hon); 5. S. Schonauer (Hon).

125 C DIV 2: 1. J. Hein (Hon); 2. C. Glavaw (Kaw); 3. BJ Dyke (Yam); 4. P. Archer (Kaw); 5. K. Evans (Kaw).

125C DIV 3: 1. P. Swantz (Hon); 2. R. Bangas (Suz); 3. J. Heestand (Suz); 4. R. Pyers (Yam); 5. M. Berger (Suz).

250 A: 1. D. Hand (Hon); 2. V. Karnow (Kaw); 3. J. Rogers (Hon); 4. B. Walker (Suz); 5. C. Ferguson (Suz).

250 B DIV 1: 1. D. Kish (Suz); 2. C. Bodo (Hon); 3. J. Maretich (Suz); 4. M. Baumann (Kaw); 5. J. McHugh (Kaw).

250 B DIV 2: 1. J. Maley (Yam); 2. D. Jones (Kaw); 3. B. Belsole (Hon); 4. B. Aldridge (Hon); 5. J. Herman (Hon).

250 C DIV 1: 1. J. Steklachich (Hon); 2. T. Kirven (Kaw); 3. D. Carroll (Hon); 4. S. Shahan (Hon); 5. A. Smith (Hon).

250 C DIV 2: 1. C. Spencer (Suz); 2. D. Icardi (Yam); 3. J. Venaleck (Hon); 4. E. Tohm (Yam); 5. D. Walters (Hon).

250 C DIV 3: 1. K. Stewart (Kaw); 2. J. Clark (Suz); 3. B. Schneider (Hon); 4. C. Hanson (Hon); 5. M. Bowman (Hon).

OPEN B/C: 1. G. Wheeler (Hon); 2. J. Young (KTM); 3. B. Blaney (Hon); 4. D. Morgan (KTM); 5. D. Mathias (KTM).

25+: 1. T. Myers (Kaw); 2. M. Smith (Hon); 3. B. Shuman (Hon); 4. S. Parisi (Suz); 5. C. Bado (Hon).

SR I DIV 1: 1. G. Wheeler (Hon); 2. G. Zimmerman (Hon); 3. P. Fox (Hon); 4. J. Young (KTM); 5. M. Gillispie (Yam).

SR I DIV 2: 1. J. Hillis (Hon); 2. J. Maley (Yam); 3. M. Smith (Hon); 4. D. Woolt (Suz); 5. M. Baumann (Kaw).

SR II: 1. D. Morgan (KTM); 2. L. Wells (KTM); 3. E. Marsh (KTM); 4. T. McKinney (Hon); 5. R. Jewell (Kaw).

S/SR: 1. J. Bush (Suz); 2. B. Crotes (Suz).

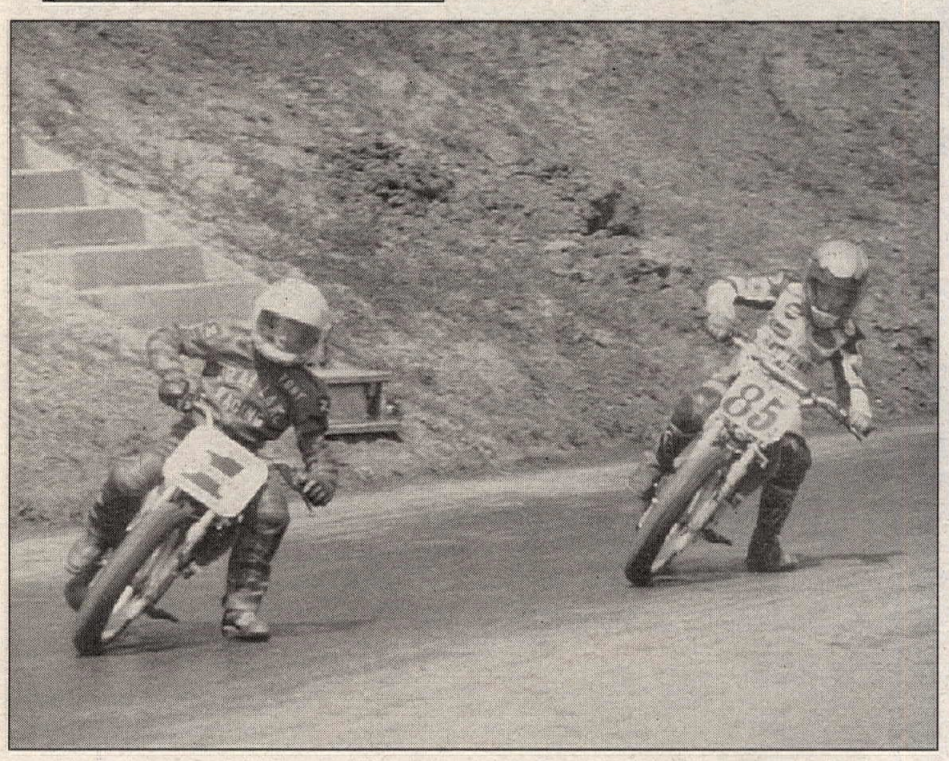
BMBR: 1. C. Shuman (Suz); 2. J. Timoweri (Yam); 3. B. Triplett (Suz); 4. J. Campbell (Kaw); 5. I. Makin (Suz).

EXTRA DIV 1: 1. J. Pahanish (Hon); 2. B. Noah (Hon); 3. T. Heller (Hon); 4. D. Smith (Yam); 5. M. Mansfield (Kaw).

EXTRA DIV 2: 1. T. Myers (Kaw); 2. M. Schneider (Hon); 3. M. Bonman (Hon); 4. J. Sanders (Hon); 5. P. Klase (Hon).

H/W MONEY: 1. V. Karnow (Kaw); 2. D. Hand (Hon); 3. J. Rogers (Hon); 4. S. Parisi (Suz); 5. B. Walker (Suz).

L/W MONEY: 1. V. Karnow (Kaw); 2. J. Rogers (Hon); 3. B. Bellinger (Yam); 4. M. Barnes (Suz); 5. D. Lewis (Hon).



(Left) Matt Gomez (85A) got by Tony Meiring (1) to win the 80cc A TT main at the Lodi Cycle Bowl in California. (Above) Tony Meiring slides to victory in the 250cc A/B class at the Lodi Cycle Bowl in California.

Gomez strikes at Lodi TT and ST

By Mike Law
Photo by Bubba-Do-Rush

LODI, CA, APR. 6
Matt Gomez took the win in the in the 80cc A division TT main at the Lodi Cycle Bowl.

In a fierce battle of the Honda CRs, Gomez wasn't about to settle for second place in the 80cc A TT main. Tony Meiring took the lead early in the race, followed closely by Gomez. Gomez inched up on Meiring and nipped him at the hairpin to take the win.

Pee Wee riders Charles Semas and Daniel McDaniel went one-two in both the short track and TT, showing great consistency.

Meiring shot from fourth to first place in the 80cc A Short Track within a matter of seconds of the drop of the green flag. Behind him a fierce back-and-forth battle erupted between Gomez, Brandon Inderbitzen and Danny Casey. Gomez finished in the runner-up spot behind Meiring at the finish.

Meiring also won the in the 250cc Knobby class which gave him six victories in nine events over two days.

Not to be upstaged by his son, Matt Gomez Sr., slipped, banged and bumped in the combined Open B and Vet classes. Gomez, Marty Weisler, and Kenny Noyes brought the crowd to their feet lap after lap with Gomez earning first place the hard way over Noyes in second (first Open B) and Weisler in third (second Open B).

A perfect holeshot was executed by Tony Souza in the Open A division but he was soon outdone by Mark Corsetti as he slid into the lead. Rob Damron and Souza battled for the second spot with Damron getting by with Justin Owinbey in tow. Souza was dropped to fourth while Corsetti took the win.

Results

Short Track

P/W STK KTM: 1. Sean Jones (KTM); 2. Bobby Fong (Lem).

P/W STK: 1. Charles Semas (Yam); 2. Daniel McDaniel (Yam); 3. Kyle Anselmi (Yam).

60 COMB: 1. Derrick Ponton (Kaw); 2. Ryan Kuntz (Kaw).

80 A: 1. Tony Meiring (Hon); 2. Matt Gomez (Hon); 3. Brandon Inderbitzen (Hon); 4. Chris Waite (Hon).

80 B & C: 1. Frankie Lane (Suz); 2. Jared McWhorter (Hon); 3. Derrick Ponton (Hon).

100 KNOBBY: 1. Gino Rinaldi (Hon); 2. Bill Diaz (Hon).

250 A: 1. Tony Souza (Hon); 2. Shawn Raggio (Yam).

250 B: 1. Mickey Lane (Hon); 2. Tony Meiring (W-R).

250: 1. Scott Corsetti (Yam); 2. Ricky Roach (Hon); 3. Harlund Johnson (Yam); 4. Ted Jaime (Suz).

OPEN A: 1. Mark Corsetti (W R); 2. Rob Damron (W R); 3. Justin Owinbey (Rtx); 4. Tony Souza (Rtx); 5. Matt Gomez (W R).

OPEN B; 1. Kenny Noyes (Hbg); 2. Marty Welsier (Rtx).

VET: 1. Matt Gomez (W R).

OPEN C: 1. Takayumi Tanaguchi (Hon); 2. James Mahar (Rtx); 3. Martro Makabayashi (Yam); 4. Gary Ryan (Rtx); 5. Harlund Johnson (Yam).

VINT 25+: 1. Billy Hiles (Yam); 2. Armando Rodriguez (Yam).

VINT 45+: 1. Ralph Lee (Tri).

PRO/AM NOV: 1. Matt Gomez (W-R); 2. Bob Casey (W-R); 3. Beau Brown (W-R); 4. John Grant (Hon); 5. Greg Riddle (Hon).

PRO/AM EX: 1. Robert Damron (W-R); 2. Mark Corsetti (W-R); 3. William Luker (Rtx); 4. Michelle DiSalvo (W-R).

TT

P/W STK: 1. Charles Semas (Yam); 2. Daniel McDaniel (Yam).

P/W STK KTM: 1. Joseph Hernandez (Lem); 2. Bobby Fong (Lem).

60 COMB: 1. Nick Moore (Kaw); 2. Derrick Ponton (Kaw).

80 A: 1. Matt Gomez (Hon); 2. Tony Meiring (Hon); 3. Chris Waite (Hon).

100 KNOBBY: 1. Corey Eaton (Hon).

250 KNOBBY: 1. Tony Mering (Suz); 2. Gino Rinaldi (Hon).

OPEN B: 1. Mark Biscardi (Yam); 2. Kenny Noyes (Hbg); 3. Marty Weisler (Rtx); 4. Gary Ryan (Rtx).

Meiring four for five at Lodi ST and TT

By Mike Law
Photo by Bubba-Do-Rush

LODI, CA, APR. 5
Tony Meiring continued on a roll with wins on the TT track in the 80cc A and Knobby classes, and wins on the Short Track in the 250cc A and 250cc C classes at the Lodi Cycle Bowl. Meiring also won the 250cc C class on a 125cc machine!

"Winning a 250cc race on a 125cc was harder than the other races put together," Meiring said after the race.

Frankie Garcia won the Pee Wee Stock classes in the TT and Short Track races and Bobby Fong did the same in the Pee Wee Stock B classes. Both kids won their races wire to wire.

Nick Moore proved himself as a versatile short track and TT racer by winning both races. The crafty youngster took the lead in both races then cruised to victory on auto pilot.

An honorable mention goes out to Chris Waite, who came all the way from Washington state and put on quite a show. Waite placed first, second and third in the 100cc Knobby Short Track, 80cc A TT and 80cc A Short Track classes, respectively.

In the Vet class, Mark Biscardi took the holeshot with Eric Weisler in tow. For three laps Weisler rode Biscardi's back tire before executing the perfect set up and pass around the tree turn and never looked back. In a nice show of sportsmanship, Weisler celebrated Biscardi's 37th birthday after the race by buying pizza for his competitor.

In the Pro/Am Short Track, Andy Tresser and Rob Damron were a little too anxious and were sent to the back row. Local rider Kevin Bricker stayed calm, and despite an enormous amount of clutching and double clutching off the line, took the win with room to spare.

Results

TT

P/W STK: 1. Frankie Garcia (Yam); 2. Kyle Anselmi (Yam); 3. Charles Semas (Yam).

P/W STK B: 1. Bobby Fong (Lem); 2. Sean Jones (KTM).

P/W STK KTM: 1. Justin Torres (Lem); 2. Sam Knox (Lem); 3. Emilio Sanchez (Hon).

60 A/B: 1. Nick Moore (Kaw); 2. Derrick Ponton (Kaw).

60 C: 1. Ryan Kuntz (Kaw); 2. Matt Tuckett (Kaw).

80 A: 1. Tony Meiring (Hon); 2. Chris Waite (Hon); 3. Matt Gomez (Hon); 4. Brandon Inderbitzen (Hon).

100: 1. Dorrey Ingolia (Hon); 2. Jessee Vankol (Hon): 3.Corey Eaton (Hon); 4. Matt Cross (Hon).

KNOBBY: 1. Tony Meiring (Suz); 2. Greg Kanholz (Hon); 3. Joe Cunnington (Kaw); 4. Matt Cross (Hon).

OPEN: 1. Mark Biscardi (Yam); 2. Kenny Noyes; (Hbg); 3. Tony Fox (Rtx); 4. Jesse Vankol (Yam); 5. James Mahar (Rtx).

VET: 1. Eric Weisler (Rtx); 2. Mark Biscardi (Yam); 3. Dante Danbrusso (Yam); 4. Cody Lambott (Yam); 5. Daniel McDaniel (Yam).

Short Track

P/W STK: 1. Frankie Garcia (Yam); 2. Charles Simas (Yam); 3. Justin Jorgensen (Yam) 4. Cody Lambott (Yam); 5. Daniel McDaniel.

P/W STK KTM: 1. Bobby Fong (Lem); 2. Sam Knox (Lem); 3. Justin Torres (Lem); 4. Jesse Hubbell (KTM); 5. Cody Anselmi (KTM).

P/W MOD: 1. Joe Heynemder (Lem); 2. Bobby Fong (Lem).

60 COMB: 1. Nickoles Moore (Kaw); 2. Derrick Ponton (Kaw); 3. Jason Grewe (Kaw); 4. Ryan Kuntz (Kaw).

80 A: 1. Brandon Inderbitzen (Hon); 2. Matt Gomez (Hon); 3) Chris Waite (Hon); 4. Tony Meiring (Hon); 5. Danny Casey (Yam).

80 B/C: 1. Jared McWhorter (Hon); 2. Frankie Lane (Suz); 3. Derrick Ponton (Hon); 4. Derrick Ohls (Hon); 5. Tom Reed (Kaw).

100 KNOBBY: 1. Chris Waite (Hon); 2. Joe Cunnington (Kaw); 3. Steve Nego (Hon); 4. Corey Eaton (Hon); 5. Gino Rinaldi (Kaw).

250 C: 1. Tony Meiring (Hon); 2. Riley Cox (Yam); 3.Harlund Johnson (Yam); 4. Scott Corsetti (Yam); 5. Ted Jaine (Suz).

250 A/B: 1. Tony Meiring (Rtx); 2. Tony Souza (Hon); 3. Jacob Holden (Hon).

PRO/AM NOV: 1. Kevin Gonzales (Hon); 2. Levi Gernan (Hon); 3. John Grant (Hon); 4. Bob Casey (Hon); 5. Matt Gomez (Hon).

PRO/AM EX: 1. Kevin Bricker (Hon); 2. Steve Mayfield (W-R); 3. Rob Damron (W-R); 4. Mark Corsetti (W-R); 5. Jaime Aguilar (W-R).

OPEN A: 1. Andy Tresser (W-R); 2. Rob Damron (W-R); 3. Steve Mayfield (W-R); 4. Toby Jorgensen (Rtx); 5. Jaime Aguilar (W-R).

OPEN B: 1. Mike Gailaty (Rtx); 2. Mark Biscardi; (Yam); 3) Chris Rudy (Hon); 4. Kenny Noyes (Hbg); 5. Marty Weisler (Rtx).

VET A/B: 1. Matt Gomez (Rtx); 2. Greg Riddle (Hsb); 3. Dante Danbrusso; (Rtx); 4. Richard Gillian (Yam).

VET C: 1. Paul Sanburn (Rtx); 2. Don Knoblach (Yam); 3. Gary Ryan (Rtx); 4. James Mahar (Rtx); 5. Ricky Roach (Yam).

OPEN C: 1. Takatuki Tanaguchi (Hon); 2. Paul Sanburn (Rtx); 3. James Mahar (Rtx); 4. Gary Ryan (Rtx); 5. Robert McCarthy (Rtx).

VINT 2-STRK: 1. Jesse Kreyling (Bul); 2. Bill Hiles (Yam); 3. Armando Rodriguez (Hon); 4. Rusty Jaine (Yam); 5. Daryl Nusto (Bul).

VINT 4-STRK: 1. Ralph Lee (Tri); 2. William Flett (H-D); 3. Terry Beretmater (Hon).

Gates garners Grantsburg MX win

By Tim McBride

GRANTSBURG, WI, APR. 13
Bruce Gates topped Veteran A, Over 25 A, and Open A classes during the weather-shortened District 23 motocross season opener, hosted by the Straight Arrows M.C. at Grantsburg MX.

The Over 25 A moto provided Gates his stiffest competition in the form of Brian Taylor. Although Taylor continuously hounded Gates throughout the six lap campaign, he was unable to make a pass on Gates and his smooth running CR. Rusty Sorensen and Brian Raleigh finished a distant third and fourth behind the dueling duo.

Gates then turned on the cruise control as he raced to victory in the Vet A class well ahead of Richard Riehn and Robert Halstead.

Gates displayed a carbon copy performance in the Open A moto ahead of Suzuki-mounted Rick Smith, Kevin Baley and Chad Luhman.

Arguably the most exciting racing came in the highly competitive 125cc A class. Eric Kowalik pulled the holeshot at the start and held a comfortable lead until he crashed on the third lap while negotiating the only double jump on the circuit. Kowalik remounted, but not before being passed by Cortney Sampson, Pat Ready and Brian Taylor.

On lap three Taylor fell in the left hand turn following the double jump, but quickly remounted to reserve his third place status. The miscue, however, allowed Kowalik to close in on him. Meanwhile, Sampson and Ready continued to exchange the lead position repeatedly.

On the penultimate lap, Taylor performed the same blunder while in the same corner. This time, Kowalik sped past the struggling Taylor and soon reeled in Ready, who was recently dispatched by Sampson. As gallant as Kowalik's late race charge was, he had to settle for second to the eventual race winner Sampson. Todd Doroff, Mark Arends, Trevor John, Josh Pangerl, Frank Jackson and Richard Riehn rounded out the top ten positions, respectively.

Results

5Occ SHFT: 1. Travis Peterson (Yam); 2. Lee Johnson (Yam).

MINI JR: 1. Chad Schmidt (Cob); 2. Randy Dibartolo (Lem); 3. Danny Teague (Lem); 4. Dalton Strohmayer (Lem); 5. Spencer Benson (KTM).

MINI SR: 1. Lance Gassert (Cob); 2. Mike Malachesen (Act); 3. Justin Lekson (Lem); 4. Nick Bartz (Lem); 5. Keho Holcomb (KTM).

65cc P/W: 1. Steven Lorr (Kaw); 2. Ryan Gates (Yam); 3. Steven Strandlund (Kaw); 4. Derek Moore Craft (Kaw); 5. James Lorr (Kaw).

MINI (7-11): 1. Kyle Potter (Yam); 2. Scott Jendro (Kaw); 3. Steven Lorr (Hon); 4. Willie Barth (Yam); 5. Shaun Joy (Suz).

MINI (12-13): 1. Jeremy Rinerson (Hon); 2. Matt Olson (Yam); 3. Chad Linder (Hon); 4. Matt Powers (Kaw); 5. Travis Qellien (Yam).

MINI (14-15): 1. Ben Kremer (Kaw); 2. Steve McGuire (Yam); 3. Mike Sigler (Hon); 4. Chad Carpenter (Hon); 5. Philip Starina (Yam).

MINI 80: 1. Jeremy Rinerson (Hon); 2. Chad Linder (Hon); 3. Jack Lorr (Kaw); 4. Travis Oellien (Yam); 5. Matt Olson (Yam).

YTH: 1. Matt Ohman (Kaw); 2. John Spraugue (Kaw); 3. Dylan Debel (Yam); 4. Derrick Molls (Suz); 5. Matt Powers (Kaw).

(16-24) C: 1. Ed Lejchar (Hon); 2. Joshua Plan (Hon); 3. Paul Yarusso (Hon); 4. Joe Dresel (Hon); 5. Matt Plattner (Hon).

(16-24) B: 1. Ron Fratzke Jr. (Suz); 2. Johnny Mold (Hon); 3. Chris Salisbury (Yam); 4. Mike Barnett (Kaw); 5. Toby Jedlicki (Suz).

(16-24) A: 1. Rick Smith (Suz); 2. Kevin Baley (Hon); 3. Frank Jackson (Kaw); 4. Josh Pangerl (Kaw); 5. Trevor John (Hon).

25+ C: 1. Steve Feoyk (Hon); 2. Troy Bentson (Yam); 3. Trent Midas (Suz); 4. Ray Schlegel (Kaw); 5. Dave Lawry (KTM).

25+ B: 1. Brian Dick (Yam); 2. Ross Thompson (Kaw); 3. Ken Conrad (Hon); 4. Dave Jendro (Kaw); 5. Paul Kerkes (Hon).

25+ A: 1. Bruce Gates (Hon); 2. Brian Taylor (Hon); 3. Rusty Sorensen (Hon); 4. Brian Raleigh (Hon).

VET C: 1. Steve Fox (Hon); 2. Trent Midas (Suz); 3. Gary Goeden (Kaw); 4. Dave Chalstrom (Hon); 5. Brad Davis (Yam).

VET B: 1. Dave Jendro (Kaw).

VET A: 1. Bruce Gates (Hon); 2. Richard Riehn (Kaw); 3. Bob Halsted (Hon).

SR A: 1. Tom Smith (Suz); 2. Neal Roessler (Kaw). SEN C: 1. Mike Bauer (Hon).

125 C 1: 1. Ed Lejchar (Hon); 2. Nate Siebenaler (Hon); 3. Matt Blaisek (Hon); 4. Kris Roessler (Kaw); 5. Reggie Malikowdki (Hon).

125 C 2: 1. Joshua Plan (Hon); 2. John Spraugue (Kaw); 3. Charlie Perterson (Hon); 4. Randy Vanhorn (Kaw); 5. Jeremy Kalibabky (Hon).

125 B: 1. Matt Ohmann (Kaw); 2. Ron Fratzke Jr. (Suz); 3. Bryan Kremer (Kaw); 4. Chris Salisbury (Yam); 5. Sheldon Fratzke (Suz).

125 A: 1. Cortney Sampson (Kaw); 2. Eric Kowalic (Yam); 3. Brian Taylor (Hon); 4. Pat Ready (Kaw); 5. Todd Doroff (Kaw).

OPEN C: 1. Ray Schlegel (Kaw); 2. Matt Plattner (Hon); 3. Steve Feoyk (Hon); 4. Troy Bentson (Yam); 5. David Lawry (Hon).

OPEN B: 1. Brian Dick (Yam); 2. Charlie Forest (Hon); 3. Ross Thompson (Kaw); 4. Matt Larson (Hon); 5. Paul Kerkes (Hon).

OPEN A: 1. Bruce Gates (Hon); 2. Rick Smith (Suz).

Riddle solves Daniel Boone MX

By Susan S. Willian

LONDON, KY, APR. 6
Team Green/Suspension Plus/Thor-backed Ben Riddle mystified spectators as he quadrupled jumps to win the Schoolboy class during the Pizza Inn Bluegrass Mega Series race at Daniel Boone Motocross Park.

Kentucky's Riddle shot off the starting gate in moto one pursued by West Virginia's Jeffrey Ryan and Ohio's Jeff Gibson, also backed by Team Green.

Ryan and Gibson duked it out as while Riddle maintained a commanding lead. By the second lap, Gibson got by Ryan and charged after Riddle, closing the gap on the leader. It was a two-man show between the pair before Gibson got into some banners that slowed him momentarily. Riddle took the win by some five seconds over Gibson.

Riddle didn't give Gibson any slack in the second moto as both riders quadrupled in the whoop section. Gibson managed to get by Riddle for an instant, but Riddle quickly opened his throttle to jump back into the lead.

"I was surprised he got by me," Riddle said. "He slid to the outside and I sneeked by to go back into the lead. He carried more momentum around the corners and jumped further down the hill and then that's how he got by me. Then I dove inside of him and still had to make the uphill triple. I got back by him and stayed in front. He was behind the rest of the race, knocking on my back door."

The pair sparred around the course, but by lap three Riddle had put some distance on Gibson, who made up some ground through the super six (a set of six whoops) and was breathing down Riddle's back on the final lap, but Riddle took the win

By the 125cc B final, the track announcers were calling the 13-year-old Riddle "Bodacious Ben"as he piloted his machine around turn one at the start of the first-moto action followed by 25 other charging riders. The first lap of action saw Riddle in the front spot followed by Ryan and then Gibson.

Gibson got by Ryan early on as he started the chase to Riddle. Once Gibson closed to Riddle's rear fender, the pair pulled away from the field. Gibson pulled beside Riddle, but Riddle eventually pulled away slightly, taking his third moto win of the year.

Moto two saw Riddle again nail the start perfectly, though he soon dropped to second as Gibson worked by when Riddle lost control over a jump. Gibson was able to hold the lead for the rest of the moto, handing Riddle his only loss on the day.

Results

SCHBY: 1. Ben Riddle (Kaw); 2. Jeff Gibson (Kaw); 3. Jeffrey Ryan (Suz); 4. Hans Neet (Hon); 5. Darrel Blankenship (Hon).

125 B: 1. Jeff Gibson (Kaw); 2. Ben Riddle (Kaw); 3. Joseph Prater (Yam); 4. Corey Dolinal (Suz); 5. Tyler Carr.

125 A: 1. Jim Neese (Suz); 2. Kevin Walker (Yam); 3. Jon Boruff (Suz); 4. Richard Prather (Yam); 5. Chris Carter (Hon).

250 A: 1. Billy Liles (Suz); 2. Jon Boruff (Suz); 3. Jim Neese (Suz); 4. Kevin Walker (Yam); 5. Rodney Carrier (KTM).

JR MINI: 1. Christopher Whitcraft (Yam); 2. B.J. Hutsinger (Suz); 3. Matt Miller (Suz); 4. Kyle Preston (Hon); 5. Michel Willard (Suz).

SR MINI (14-15): 1. J.R. Carter (Kaw); 2. Michael Campbell (Yam); 3. Joshua Hamilton (Hon); 4. Derrick Young (Hon); 5. Donnie Adams (Kaw).

SR MINI (12-13): 1. Richard Games (Suz); 2. Ryan Sipes (Kaw); 3. David Whitecraft (Suz); 4. Jacob Saylor (Kaw); 5. Donnie Adams (Kaw).

25+ A: 1. Billy Liles (Suz); 2. Kevin Walker (Yam); 3. Larry Gessner (KTM); 4. Paul Young (Suz); 5. James Hayes (Hon).

25+ B: 1. Corey Dolemar (Suz); 2. Randall Rowe (Suz); 3. Leslie Belcher (Suz); 4. Eric McNatton (Suz); 5. Darrell Reddix (Hon).

25+ C: 1. David Tucker (Suz); 2. Clifford Pierce (Kaw); 3. J.L. Osbourne (Suz); 4. Kevin Black (Kaw); 5. Kevin Blalock (Yam).

35+: 1. Ron Jones (Suz); 2. Mark Guy (Yam); 3. Darrell Jones (Hon); 4. Dennis Scalf (Kaw); 5. Albert Alluker (Suz).

125 D: 1. Jordan Gallaher (Hon); 2. Anthoney Looney (Hon); 3. Roger Cole (Suz); 4. Chris Hacker (Hon); 5. Ricky Boyd (Hon).

S/MINI: 1. Hans Neel (Hon); 2. Ryan Sipes (Kaw); 3. Richard Games (Suz); 4. J.R Carter (Kaw); 5. William Browning (Yam).

80 D: 1. Jason Tucker (Yam); 2. Tim Hom (Kaw); 3. Bryan Jones (Suz); 4. Jared Hall (Hon); 5. Dean Fields (Hon).

250 D: 1. Chad Yates (Hon); 2. Bobby Cappal (Hon), 3. John Dobbs (Hon); 4. Mark Young (Hon); 5. David Bridges (Kaw).

48 MSTR: 1. Eugene Good (Suz); 2. Ted Shortridge (Suz); 3. David Veirs (Kaw).

60 (10-11): 1. Michael Willard (Kaw); 2. Kyle Preston (Kaw); 3. Alexander Hunter (Kaw); 4. Shane O'Banion (Kaw); 5. Garrett Meek (Kaw).

60 (7-9): 1. Justin Sipes (Kaw); 2. Jerry Westerkamp (Kaw); 3. Phillip Ivers (Kaw); 4. Chase Beck (Kaw); 5. Michael Akaydin (Kaw).

250 C: 1. Chuck Cooper (Suz); 2. Clifford Pierce (Kaw); 3. Chris Riggins (Kaw); 4. Aaron Ellenburg (Suz); 5. Kevin Blalock (Yam).

250 B: 1. Jeffrey Ryan (Suz); 2. Tyler Carr (Yam) 3. Corey Dolinar (Suz); 4. Daniel Tesh (KTM); 5. Wesley McCoy (Suz).

40+: 1. Ron Jones (Suz); 2. Johnny Gibson (Hon); 3. Albert Alluker (Suz); 4. James Green (Kaw); 5. Gene Campbell (Hon).

30+ C: 1. David Tucker (Suz); 2. Timmy Steele (Hon); 3. Gary Craven (Hon); 4. Jeff Duncan (Kaw); 5. James Maxam (KTM).

30+ A: 1. Billy Liles (Suz); 2. Rodney Carrier (KTM); 3. Ron Jones (Suz); 4. Paul Young (Suz); 5. Mark Guy (Yam).

30+ B: 1. Eric McHatton (Suz); 2. Randall Rowe (Suz); 3. Tim Polston (Suz); 4. Albert McCoy (KTM); 5. Bobby Ousley (Kaw).

125 C: 1. Thomas Epps (Suz); 2. Brian Young (Suz); 3. Anthony Nash (Hon); 4. Aaron Ellenburg (Suz); 5. Travis Reagan (Kaw).

50 (7-8): 1. Justin Sipes (Cob); 2. Brett Slater (Cob); 3. Daniel Maxam (LEM); 4. Shaun Todd; 5. Randy Blevins (Act).

50 (4-6): 1. Justin Ashbum (Act); 2. Houston Meek (KTM); 3. Brett Michaud (Act); 4. Ashanda Rassiga (Cob).

50 BEG: 1. Matthew Carrier (Yam).

U/L C/D: 1. Thomas Epps (Suz); 2. Allen Booher (Hon); 3. Tinimy Steele (Hon); 4. Travis Reagan (Kaw); 5. Brad Cassada (Hon).

U/L AM: 1. Wesley McCoy (Suz); 2. Daniel Tesh (KTM); 3. Michael Ryan (Hon); 4. Chris Mowery (Kaw); 5. Timmy Nelligan (Suz).

Meteorological madness at McArthur Motocross

By Rupert F. Pellett

MCARTHUR, OH, APR. 13

A plethora of midspring weather conditions was experienced by the most hardy of District 11 racers at this Southern Ohio motocross event as track promoter Tab Thompson hosted round three of his spring series.

When riders arrived for morning's practice the course was well-watered and prepped to near perfection; then the rains came.

Sleet, snow, hail, wind, showers and chilly weather ruled the rest of the day, with many riders opting to keep their bikes dry and not compete, while others slogged on and made the best of it.

The Pee Wee riders were treated to a freshly laid-out course in a nearby field, as conditions on the main course were impassable for the little bikes. Grove City's Richard Robinson proved to be unstoppable in both the Over 25 and Over 30

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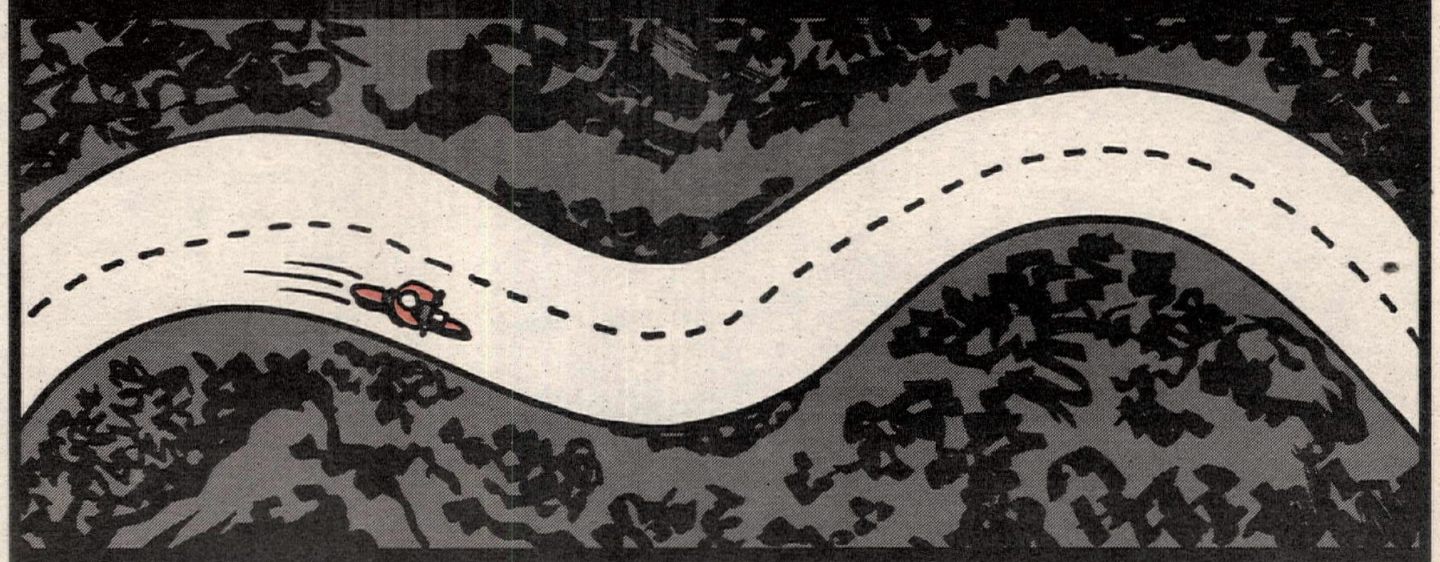

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(Left) A rider splashes through on of the many creek crossings on the Eighth Annual Team Dual Dogs Dog Run. (Above) Terry Gastouniotus rode to victory in the 125cc Novice and Junior Vet Novice class at round two of the CMXA Salsa Series in Piru, California.

motos as he held off a a charging Bill "Rainman" Reiss in both rain-shortened races. Bub Thomas pounded the B classes as he simply ran away from all challengers on his Suzukis.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Haven Holdcroft (Cob); 2. Nathan Wesselhoeft (KTM); 3. Tyler Bowers (Cob); 4. Corey Carr (Cob); 5. Scottie Colburn (LEM).

50 (7-8): 1. Eric Woods (Cob); 2. Devan Welch (Cob); 3. Tommy Pellett (Cob); 4. Aaron Kline (KTM); 5. Riley Wimer (KTM).

65: 1. Joey Pellett (Kaw); 2. D.R. Atwood (Kaw); 3. Patrick Massie (Kaw); 4. Jacob Mohney (Kaw); 5. Matt McCabe (Kaw).

MINI JR: 1. Philip Kinnison (Suz); 2. Nick Carroll (Kaw); 3. Kyle Ringwald (Hon); 4. D.R. Atwood (Yam).

MINI SR: 1. Josh Hamilton (Hon); 2. Dustin Cottrill (Suz); 3. Mike McCabe Jr. (Hon); 4. Kyle Teel (Yam); 5. Mark Diehl (Kaw).

SCHBY: 1. Scott Kuchler (Hon); 2. Shaun Kuchler (Hon); 3. Curtis Poland (Hon); 4. Dustin Cottrill; 5. Matthew Hudnell (Suz).

125 B: 1. Bub Thomas (Suz); 2. Scott Kuchler (Hon); 3. Mike Crane (Suz); 4. Jason Brown (Suz); 5. J.D. Eicher (Hon).

250 B: 1. Bub Thomas (Suz); 2. Brannon Kilbarger (Yam); 3. Kevin B. Wolfe (Yam); 4. Terry Barnes (Hon); 5. Scott Marenberg (Hon).

OPEN B: 1. Myron Rosenberger (Kaw); 2. James Woodard (ATK); 3. Tim Linger (Hon); 4. Dale Ringwald (KTM).

25+: 1. Richard Robinson (Hon); 2. Bill Reiss (Hon); 3. Scott Marenberg (Hon); 4. Richard Spangler (Kaw); 5. Edmund Moore (Hon).

30+: 1. Richard Robinson (Hon); 2. Bill Reiss (Hon); 3. Richard Spangler Jr; 4. Richard Custard Jr; 5. Edmund Moore (Hon).

40+: 1. Bill Reiss (Hon).

250 C: 1. Jason Beougher (KTM); 2. Fred Stumbo (Hon); 3. Keith Vermilion (Suz); 4. Dennis Thomas (Hon); 5. Eric Acker (Suz).

80 (9-15) EXTRA: 1. Josh Hamilton (Hon); 2. Willy Browning (Yam); 3. Mark Diehl (Kaw); 4. Kyle Teel (Yam); 5. Tracey Haun (Kaw).

1997 Dog Run Dual Sport

By Kaye Nyne

NEWHALL, CA, APR. 13

For eight years now, America's first Dual Sport motorcycle club, Team Dual Dogs, has provided Southern California dual sport enthusiasts a chance to explore the extensive fire road and trail systems behind the locked gates in the rugged mountain ranges of the Angeles National Forest, situated high above the skyscrapers of Los Angeles.

On this early Spring weekend in April, close to 200 participants gathered at Dick Allen's Yamaha/Honda/KTM/ATK dealership to enjoy the clear scenic views and warm temperatures for an exciting 160-mile loop featuring difficult options and bailouts. This was the second of seven events in the KTM California Dual Sport Series presented by Galpin Ford.

The ride began with a trip through a private cattle ranch as elevations quickly rose to mountain ridge views and descended into fun canyon creek crossings. Along the charted route, highlights included dozens of historic viewpoints of the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Islands beyond the vast San Fernando, Santa Clarita and San Gabriel valleys of residents and businesses below.

Large varieties of scents and colors were enjoyed, from hundreds of unique desert and mountain plant life, to the many geographical, climate and elevation changes were experienced. Several parents brought along their young children as passengers to share the passions of dual sport explorations and assume the role of tour guides.

Club promoter Damon Powell secured the permits and gate keys, which keep out a large majority of outdoor recreationalists, for an exclusive entry to old creek-side campgrounds, plane wreckage, new and old mining claims and abandoned military missile sites. Routes also included trails crossing the Mexico to Canada Pacific Crest Trail system.

"This is a great opportunity to release the tensions of big city life, or what I like to say; 'Cutting the Leash', (hence the name "Dog Run") and enjoy what most local Angeleno's only see as a beautiful city backdrop," Powell said. "And if the time is right, as in past years, winter storms can make this event one of the more challenging rides available as torrents of rain water carve their way through canyons we traverse."

Upon the arrival to our day's finish, participants feasted on a hearty meal prepared by club associate, Jean Offers, as friendships reunited and emerge during the bench racing sessions.

Gastouniotus takes two at Piru Motocross

By Tony Alessi

PIRU, CA, APR. 6

Terry Gastouniotus gassed his Yamaha of Goleta-backed YZ to a four-moto sweep of both the 125cc Novice and Junior Vet Novice classes during round two of the CMXA Salsa series held at Lemon Grove Cycle Park.

Gastouniotus broke free of Dominick Luna after an early-moto battle during the first 125cc Novice class moto and went on to win.

The second moto saw Gastouniotus mix it up with Rob Healy on his N-Style-backed CR, but once again it was Gastouniotus gaining the edge as he scooted away for the moto and overall victory.

The story line was the same in the Junior Vet Novice class as Gastouniotus swept both motos en route to the overall victory where he topped George Jimenez and Ethan Daly.

Casey Lytle was the day's top Pro rider as he powered his Honda of Troy-backed CR to the overall victory. The class ran a single 15-lap race which saw Ty Kady out front for more than half of the race. In the end, Kady fell victim to arm pump and Lytle took the top spot on the podium. John Ortner was a solid third, while Japanese-racer Kyuzchi Yamada rounded out the top four.

Chad Frank was fastest in the 80cc Beginner class as he took his Racers Edge-sponsored Honda to an impressive 1-1 finish over Richard Eubanks and Jeff Alessi.

Miles Nall, Danny Gomez and Kyle Smith mixed it up all day long in the Pee Wee Super Stock 4- to 6-year-old division and when the dust settled it was Null nailing the overall win over Gomez and Smith in second and third, respectively.

Results

50 STRTR (4-6): 1. Wesley Penes (Act); 2. Matt Sopko (Yam); 3. Kayl Kolkman (Yam); 4. Garrett Lilly (Act); 5. Erik Stensol (Suz).

50 S/STK (4-6): 1. Miles Nall (LEM); 2. Dannny Gonzalez (Lem); 3. Kyle Smith (KTM).

50 OPEN MOD (4-9): 1. Danny Gonzalez (LEM); 2. Riley Harper(LEM); 3. Justin Mulfopp (LEM); 4. Brett Catron (KTM).

50 LMTD STK (7-9): 1. Zac Clark (Yam); 2. Chad Chiapuzio (Yam); 3. Tanner Robertson (Yam).

50 S/STK (7-9): 1. Lance Coury (KTM); 2. Brett Catron (KTM).

50 OPEN: 1. Riley Harper (Lem); 2. Miles Nall (Lem); 3. Kyle Smith (KTM).

60 STRTR: 1. Justin Stenshol (Kaw); 2. Brett Rothas (Kaw); 3. Michael Torres (Kaw).

60 BEG: 1. Grey Walters (Kaw).

60 OPEN: 1. Mike Alessi (Kaw).

80 STRTR: 1. Travis Methema (Kaw); 2. Jess Albrecg (Hon); 3. Jimmy Gonzalez (Kaw); 4. Danny Kalkman (Suz); 5. Raee Sabltg (Hon).

80 BEG: 1. Chad Frank (Hon); 2. Richard Eubanks (Yam); 3. Jeff Alessi (Kaw); 4. Matt Gomez (Suz); 5. David Moreno (Yam).

80 NOV: 1. J.R. Terry (Yam); 2. Vince Rhoads (Yam).

80 INT: 1. Mike Meadows (Hon).

B/W: 1. Jared Williams (Hon).

WMN: 1. Denise Engstrom (Kaw).

S/MINI: 1. Mike Meadows (Hon).

125 BEG: 1. Christopher Barrett (Suz); 2. Mike Meadows (Hon); 3. Gerard Patin (Yam); 4. Bryan Haley (Hon); 5. Kenard Lipscomb (Suz).

125 NOV: 1. Terry Gastouniotis (Yam); 2. Rob Healy (Hon); 3. Dominick Baker (Suz); 4. Gabriel Endreola (Hon); 5. Collin Morrison (Hon).

125 INT: 1. Aaron Baker (Kaw); 2. Dusty Walters (Yam).

250 BEG: 1. Matt Hall (Yam); 2. Brian Piere (Yam); 3. Jeff Meek (Hon); 4. Mike Dion (Hon); 5. Justin Dubberke (Yam).

250 NOV: 1. Ryan McAlister (Hon): 2. Joey Cirocco (Kaw); 3. Ethan Dally (Hon); 4. Mike Tominson (Yam); 5. Jeff Hanzo (Suz).

250 INT: 1. Michael Beeke (KTM); 2. Brad Schultz; 3. Danny Joranovich (Kaw).

250 PRO: 1. Casey Lytle (Hon); 2. Ty Kady (Suz); 3. Jon Ortner (Hon); 4. Ryuzchz Yamaha (Suz).

JR VET BEG: 1. Matt Harrison (Kaw).

JR VET NOV: 1. Terry Gastouniotus (Yam); 2. George Jiminez (Kaw); 3. Ethan Daly (Hon); 4. Craig Virths (Yam).

JR VET INT: 1. Michael Becke (KTM); 2. Andrew Olivia (Hon); 3. Ed Guajardo (Suz); 4. Joe Lozano (Yam).

VET NOV: 1. George Jimenez (Kaw); 2. Russell McAfre (Hon); 3. Eddie Caldwell (Hon); 4. Tom Harper (Kaw); 5. Raymond Dally (Yam).

VET INT: 1. Michael Becke (KTM); 2. Ed Guajardo (Suz); 3. Andrew Plivia (Hon); 4. Joel Harriott (Yam); 5. Jeff Clark (Suz).

VET EX: 1. Jon Ortner (Hon).

SR VET BEG: 1. Tim Williams (Kaw); 2. James Gartland (Hon); 3. Jeff Petron (KTM).

SR VET NOV: 1. Rob Baron (Hon).

4-STRK: 1. Michael Mayberry (Hon); 2. Sean Roland (Hon); 3. Dennis Putracca (Hon).

Kawata rolls on at Rocky Ridge CC

By Gary Benton

ROCK RIDGE, TX, APR. 6

Mud, mud and more mud. That was the theme of the fourth round in the Texas Cross Country Racing Series. Promoter Jimmy Moss had originally laid out a challenging 10-mile course, but by race time on Sunday the track had been trimmed down to about six miles with the big bikes going five laps and the minis going two.

Honda/Suzuki North's Chad Kawata was the class of the field in the Mini Amateur class, winning by five minutes and moving past all the Expert riders except three. Kawata had built a one-minute cushion by the end of the first lap with Kawasaki rider Mike McGovern in second and Craig Pundt, Curtis Abbott and Clay Masterson trailing not far behind. Kawata stretched his lead to five minutes by the end of the race, with McGovern holding second and Abbott, Masterson and Pundt rounding out the top five in the field of about 30 riders.

In the Mini Expert class, Matthew Doughty was able to secure his first win of the season and break Bryan Miller's three-race win streak. Miller was a close second at the finish and still holds the points lead after four rounds. Brandon Panter was a few minutes back in third, with Clay Leaverton fourth and Brian Mullin fifth.

Bethany Jacobs, Julie Shields and Summer Allen were the winners in the Women's races. Each one led every lap in their respective classes except Allen, who had to pass one rider.

In the morning's Open Amateur race, KTM rider Ron Daniel and Steve Sprong were battling for the early lead with Tommy Sizemore, Eric Eugster and Steve Teese close behind. Sprong retired on lap two and Sizemore made his way past Daniel for the lead on the same lap, with Vince Police working his way to third after a poor start. Police made his move on Sizemore for the lead on the last lap and opened a five-minute cushion by the end of the race. Sizemore held on for second with Daniel third, Eugster fourth and KTM rider David Visniski fifth.

Danny McDonald was the leader in the 200cc Amateur race after one muddy lap, with Jeff Hawkins and Russell McCarty following very close behind. The three riders were locked in a tight battle that saw them quickly pull away from the pack. They were turning lap times between 30 and 34 minutes with McDonald leading until he was passed by Hawkins on the third lap. McCarty turned a remarkable 24-minute last lap to beat Hawkins and McDonald by five minutes.

In the Expert classes, getting the early lead proved to be the hot ticket as the leader after one lap went on to win in eight of the 10 classes. Clay Hoenshell had little trouble winning his third race of the year, grabbing the lead halfway through the first lap from Gary Benton and cruising the rest of the way. Benton wound up second with Jim McQuery third, Donnie McMillon fourth and Eric Hillhouse fifth. Double-A rider David Culpepper looks to have the inside track on the Rossman Award, since he won his fourth race in a row with Tom Robinson coming in right behind him.

Results

PRO: 1. Clay Hoenshell (Suz); 2. Gary Benton (Yam); 3. Jim McQueary (Kaw); 4. Donnie McMillon (Suz); 5. Eric Hillhouse (Kaw).

AA: 1. David Culpepper (Suz); 2. Tom Robinson (Suz); 3. Bobby Southard (KTM); 4. David Gamer (KTM); 5. Dana Wright (Suz).

A/B: 1. Glen Boyett (Yam); 2. Todd Myers (Yam); 3. Aaron Gay (Hon); 4. Brian Barnes (Yam); 5. Joseph Houghton (Hon).

OPEN EX: 1. Russ Clark (KTM); 2. Marty Ishmael (Kaw); 3. Robert Smith (KTM); 4. Bill Wright (Hon); 5. Brian Hoffman (KTM).

250 EX: 1. Mchael Worrell (Kaw); 2. Todd Gleason (Hon); 3. Mike Carroll (Hon); 4. Todd Hutson (Kaw); 5. Vernon Davidson (Kaw).

30+ EX: 1. Mark Rakestraw (Yam); 2. Steve Reavis (Yam); 3. David Willard (KTM); 4. Gregg Royar (Suz); 5. Adrian Jacobs (Yam).

125/200 EX: 1. Chris Dejameatt (Yam); 2. Luke Johns (Suz); 3. Todd Holder (Kaw); 4. Jeremy Weeks (Yam); 5. Matt Panter (Kaw).

38+ EX: 1. Douglas Taft (Yam); 2. Mike Connell (Hon); 3. Dan Burch (Hon); 4. David McKelvy (Suz); 5. Matt Trimmier (Hon).

45+ EX: 1. Mike Gleason (Hon); 2. Gene Parnell (Yam); 3. Ronald Mullin (Hon); 4. Charles Robinson (KTM); 5 Dusty Tower (Kaw).

50+ EX: 1. Loyd Morgan (Suz); 2. Sonny Truitt (Yam); 3. Dwight Leatherwood (KTM); 4. Hazen Smith (Hon); 5. Dave Bumap (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Trace Van Shuler (Yam); 2. James Tennyson (Yam); 3. Robert Bates (Yam); 4. Brian Kinder (Hon); 5. Rick Hacic (Kaw).

30+ INT: 1. James Sendelbach (Yam); 2. Tommy Smith (Yam); 3. Doug Dixon (Kaw); 4. Glen Eiland (Yam); 5. Douglas Richard (Suz).

38+ INT: 1. Mark Bergman (Suz); 2. Jimmy Brigis (Hon); 3. Eddie Kinder (Yam); 4. Ronny Donald (Hon); 5. Thomas Cade (Hon).

45+ INT: 1. Jerry Boren (Hon); 2. John Davenport (KTM); 3. Don Cannon (Kaw); 4. Chuck Matheny; 5. Robert King (Kaw).

4 STRK EX: 1. David Lucas Jr. (Hon); 2. Mike Moore (Hus); 3. Shannon Butler (Hon); 4. Aaron E. Jones (Hon); 5. Courtny Christian (Hon).

4-STRK INT: 1. Steve Tumer (Hon); 2. Mike Gamer (Hon); 3. Steve Channell (Hon); 4. David McDonald (Kaw); 5. Chuck Freeman(Hon).

125 INT: 1. Greg Lawrason (Yam); 2. Gary Girrus (Kaw); 3. Stephen Heatherington (Suz); 4.Bryan Crofoot (Suz); 5.Chris Abbott (Yam).

OPEN AM: 1. Vince Police(KTM); 2. Tommy Sizemore (Kaw); 3. Ron Daniel (KTM); 4. Eric Eugster (Hus); 5. David Visniski (KTM).

250 AM: 1 Todd McClendon (Kaw); 2. Christopher Martin (Kaw); 3. Randy Foster (Yam); 4. Nolan Fowler (Yam); 5. Cody Green (Yam).

200 AM: 1. Russell McCarty (Kaw); 2. Jeff Hawkins (Kaw), 3. Danny McDonald (Kaw); 4. Ben Sorenson (Kaw); 5. Bruce Bevars (Kaw).

4-STRK AM: 1. Jimmy Smart (Kaw); 2. Mason Hall (Hon); 3. Robert Jones (Hon); 4. Don Ehmke(Hbg); 5. Dennis Gleason (Suz).

125 AM: 1. Dale Garcia (Yam); 2. Christopher Leonard (Kaw); 3. Geoff Speed (Yam); 4. Robert Yale (Suz); 5. Deb Schiller(Suz).

30+ AM: 1. Howard Kirk Goad (Hon); 2. Robert Clark (Yam); 3. Michael Sprong (ATK); 4 .Doug Neubauer (Suz); 5. Scott Pomeroy (Hon).

38+ AM: 1. William Martin (Hon); 2. Dale Tunnell (KTM); 3. Randy Noffell (Kaw); 4. Henry Leaverton (Kaw); 5. Mchael Wemsing (KTM).

45+ AM: 1. Ernest Walley (Kaw); 2. David Lucas Sr. (Kaw); 3. Danny Hagins (Yam); 4. Mike McKool (Hon); 5. John Johanson (Suz).

50 AM: 1. Don Willbanks (Hon); 2. Grady Burch (KTM); 3. Max Brand (Kaw); 4. Skip Gove (Yam); 5. Marston Meador(Kaw).

MINI EX: 1. Mathew Doughty (Kaw); 2. Bryan Miller (Kaw); 3. Brandon Panter (Hon); 4. Clay Leaverton (Hon); 5. Brian Mullen (Kaw).

WMN EX: 1. Bethany Jacobs (Yam); 2. Shelly McMillon (Hon); 3. Shelley Dixon (Kaw); 4. Tracy Kisor (Kaw); 5. Tracy Yeargan (Hon).

WMN INT: 1. Julie Shields (Hon); 2. Tabitha Freeman (Hon); 3. Shannon McKamy (Hon); 4. Michelle Ogden (Hon); 5. Tina Yarbrough (Hon).

MINI AM: 1. Chad Kawata (Hon); 2. Mike McGoven; 3. Curtis Abbott (Yam); 4. Clay Masterson (Yam); 5. Craig Pundt (Kaw).

WMN AM: 1. Summer Allen (Hon); 2. Bonnie Lamb (Hon); 3. Dot Malone (Hon); 4. Sonsura Coulter (Hon); 5. Patty Vowell (Hon).

Hess wins River Bottom Hare Scrambles

By Kelly Allen

DANVILLE, VA, APR. 13

Brian Hess took full advantage of an off-weekend for the GNCC tour by returning to his home state of Virginia for a convincing overall win at round three of the 1997 Virginia Championship Hare Scramble Series, held on the banks of the Dan River in Danville.

When a steady rainfall the day before the event soaked what is considered by many to be a very challenging course even in perfect conditions, promoter Mark Keen and his crew were forced to make wholesale changes to the 8-mile loop just hours prior to the start of the race.

Nevertheless, the riders of the VCHSS were out in full force to do battle on the clay soil that mixed with water to make a very slippery trail.

Hess grabbed the holeshot on his Kawasaki in front of a strong field of AA riders, which included opening round winner Daniel Morrison and round two victor Jason Greer.

By the end of lap one, Hess had built nearly a two-minute lead over Morrison and the rest of the mud-covered AA class. But the biggest obstacle for any early leader to overcome in a survival race is lapped riders. This race proved to be no exception, as the early front runners found stuck riders at nearly every incline and creek crossing that they approached on lap two. Unfortunately for the contenders, however, nothing could slow down the motivated Hess who continued to hold his two-minute advantage at the end of the second loop. Greer and Morrison were the next two through the scoring barrells with Greer holding a slight edge with only one lap remaining. But the race for the overall was all but over as neither rider was able to mount charge on Hess, who cruised to his first victory in 1997. Morrison was able to get around Greer for second in the late stages to pick up some valuable points toward the series points championship.

Coming in fourth overall was defending AA series champ George Greer who spent much of his day just off the pace of Morrison and Greer's fight.

The surprise of the day was a rider who usually is found in the 250cc B ranks but felt that the time was right to try his luck against the always -tough 250cc A class. Not only did Andre Sandstrom survive the pitfalls that sunk the hopes Timmy Mitchell and the other entrants in his new class, but he was able to out-place several AA riders in the standings for fifth overall on the day.

Also scoring his first-ever A class win was Dean Ingram who knocked off Stephen Edmonson for the 200cc A class title. Edmondson had been undefeated in A class action since moving up from the B level at the end of last year.

Danny Morrison resumed his winning ways after skipping round two a week earlier. The win was Morrison's second of the year over defending class champion Darryl Campbell, Phillip Doyle and the rest of a strong Vet A field.

Results

O/A: Brian Hess (Kaw).

AA: 1. Daniel Morrison (Kaw); 2. Jason Greer (Hon); 3. George Greer (Hon); 4. Andrew Williams (Hon); 5. David White (Hus).

200 A: 1. Dean Ingram (Kaw); 2. Stephen Edmondson (KTM); 3. Chance Baker (Kaw); 4. Rusty Epperson (Kaw); 5. Brian Bouma (Yam).

250 A: 1. Andre Sandstrom (Hon); 2. Timmy Mitchell (Yam); 3. Travis Jones (Kaw); 4. Montie Orr (Hon); 5. Mark Allman (Kaw).

VET A: 1. Danny Morrison (Kaw); 2. Darryl Campbell (Yam); 3. Phillip Doyle (KTM); 4. Rickie Huffman (Hon); 5. Gil Griggs (KTM).

200 B: 1. Chad Parker (Kaw); 2. Chuck Honeycutt (Kaw); 3. Mike Bouma (Yam); 4. Nick Nester (Hon); 5. Mike Bakken (Kaw).

250 B: 1. Travis Williford (Suz); 2. Mike Mayo (Yam); 3. Jason Brown (Kaw); 4. Kelly Allen (Suz); 5. Joey Woody (Kaw).

VET B: 1. Jerry Calvert (KTM); 2. Paul Sandridge (Hon); 3. Craig Randall (Yam); 4. Andy Phillips (Hon); 5. Robert Hawkes (Hus).

4 STRK: 1. David Baldwin (Hon); 2. Larry Trent (Hon); 3. Tommy Reynolds (Hon); 4. David Colaw (Hon); 5. Kenneth Lowry (Hon).

SR: 1. Bob Wick (Suz); 2. Graham Keenan (Hon); 3. Bob Williams (Hon); 4. Bob Jones (Hon); 5. Howard Roquet (Hon).

MINI: 1. Jason Balonis (Hon); 2. Donnie Harriman (Kaw); 3. Scott Capewell (Kaw); 4. Jason Bailey (Kaw); 5. Chris Cooper (Kaw).

WMN: 1. Christine Blake (Hon); 2. Judy Tweedy (Hon); 3. Melissa Barton (Suz); 4. Heather Greer (Hon).

200 C: 1. Josh Elliot (Kaw); 2. Preston Creech (Hon); 3. Johnny Newell (Hon); 4. David Young (Kaw); 5. Michael Keesee (Hon).

250 C: 1. Chris Strang (Hon); 2. Charlie Safely (Kaw); 3. Jeff Woody (Kaw); 4. Todd Jordan (Yam); 5. Jason Stone (Suz).

Becke six-for-six at Lemon Grove

By Tony Alessi

PIRU, CA, ARP. 13

Michael Becke swept six out of six motos en route to overall wins in separate classes, including the 250cc Over 25 and Over 30 Intermediate divisions, during round three of the CMXA JC Midnight Salsa Series held at Lemon Grove Cycle Park.

"I am training right now for the Fall Series," Becke said. "It's the first time I won all six. Normally, something goes wrong like a flat tire or something."

Becke's day wasn't without incident as he found he had a flat front tire just minutes before the start of his final Over 30 Intermediate race. Fortunately, he was able to get some help and got to the line as the 30-second board went sideways.

It didn't stop him from pulling the holeshot on his big-bore KTM and going on to victory. Glen Commans rode fast for a solid second while Eddie Guajardo and Drew Olivio finished third and fourth, respectively.

Curt Farrar was able to overcome poor starts to claim victory in the Over 30 Novice class, riding like an old Pro to top Russ McAffe, Craig Wirths, George Jimenez and Brian Hill.

Factory KTM mini rider Bryce Terezian was the prince of the Pee Wees as he dominated the small-bore class. Terzian was unequaled on the main course where he rode to victory over Scott Endo, Miles Nall and Kyle Smith.

Terzian returned later to post a double moto sweep on the Pee Wee course, topping Justin Mulford and Jason Endo in the 7-9 division of the Superstock class. CN

Results

50 (4-9) STARTER: 1. Chad Scienz (KTM); 2. Wes Denes (Act); 3. Matt Sopko (Yam); 4. Erik Stenshol (Yam).

LTD STK (4-6): 1. Justin Eubanks (Yam); 2. Nathan Search (Yam); 3. Cale Summeford (Yam); 4. Dustin Davis (Yam).

LTD STK (7-9): 1. Chad Chiapuzio (Yam).

S/STK 4-6: 1. Danny Gonzalez (LEM); 2. Haysen Commons (KTM): 3. Kyle Smith (KTM).

S/STK (7-9): 1. Bryce Terzian (KTM); 2. Justin Melford (LEM); 3. Lance Coury (KTM); 4. Chad Chiapuzio (Yam); 5. Garrett Gordon (KTM).

50 OPEN MOD (4-9): 1. Myles Nall (LEM); 2. Justin Melford (LEM); 3. Jason Endo (LEM); 4. Lance Coury (KTM); 5. Colton James (LEM).

60 STARTER: 1. Brett Rothas (Kaw); 2. Colton James (Kaw); 3. Justin Stenshol (Kaw).

60 BEG: 1. Cory Walters (Kaw); 2. Micheal Torres (Kaw).

80 STARTER: 1. Travis Mehterian (Hon); 2. Jeff Albreq (Hon); 3. Jimmy Gonzalez (Kaw).

P/W OPEN: 1. Bryce Terzian (KTM); 2. Scott Endu (LEM); 3. Myles Nall (LEM); 4. Kyle Smith (KTM).

60 OPEN: 1. Mike Alessi (Kaw); 2. Tate Misiaszek (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Matt Gomez (Suz); 2. Richard Eubanks (Yam); 3. Chad Frank (Hon); 4. Jeff Brodsly (Yam); 5. Jeff Alessi (Kaw).

80 NOV: 1. Vince Rhoades (Yam); 2. Scott Simon (Suz); 3. Mike Alessi (Kaw).

80 INT: 1. Mike Meadows (Hon).

80 S/MINI: 1. Mike Meadows (Hon).

80 B/W: 1. Jared Williams (Hon).

80 WMN: 1. Denise Engstrom (Kaw); 2. Jessica Gomez (Hon); 3. Amy Link (Suz).

125 BEG: 1. Chris Clark (Kaw); 2. Michael Meadows (Hon); 3. Aaron Clem (Suz); 4. Evert Smith (Yam): 5. Brent Wheeler (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Terry Gastouniotis (Yam); 2. Dominick Baker (Suz); 3. Mark Velenzoela (Hon).

125 INT: 1. Kevin Townsend (Hon); 2. Andreu Labrador (Yam); 3. Dusty Walters (Hon).

250 BEG: 1. Matt Hall (Kaw); 2. Christopher Barrett (Hon); 3. Mike Meadows (Hon); 4. Jeff Meek (Hon); 5. David Laurence (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Ryan McAlister (Hon); 2. Jeff Hanzo (Suz); 3. Joe Cirocco (Kaw); 4. Tim Kinkol (Yam); 5. Ethan Jovanvich (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Michael Becke (KTM); 2. Cole Townsend (Kaw); 3. Danny Jovanvich (Kaw).

PRO: 1. Jon Ortner (Hon); 2. Tamahire Abe (Hon).

JR VET NOV: 1. Terry Gastouniouties (Yam); 2. Craig Wirths (Yam); 3. Tim Konkol (Yam); 4. Bob Gorman (Yam); 5. Ethan Dally (Hon).

JR VET INT: 1. Michael Becke (KTM); 2. Eddie Guahardo (Suz); 3. Andrew Olivia (Hon).

JR VET EX: 1. Jon Ortner (Hon).

JR VET 25+ BEG: 1. Darryl Sullada (Hon); 2. Jim Dinning (Yam); 3. John Pratt (Kaw); 4. Matt Harrison (Kaw); 5. Brian Horton (Yam).

VET BEG: 1. Jim Dell (Hon); 2. Jack Noyes (Hon); 3. Darren Stoffer (Hon); 4. George Jimenez (Kaw); 5. Curtsin Pimentel (Hon).

30 NOV: 1. Curt Farrar (Yam); 2. Russell McAffe (Hon); 3. Craig Wirths (Yam); 4. George Jimenez (Kaw); 5. Brian Hill (Yam).

30 INT: 1. Michael Becke (KTM); 2. Glen Commans (Kaw); 3. Eddie Guajardo (Suz); 4. Andrew Olivio (Hon); 5. Derek Borg (Kaw).

30 EX: 1. Jon Ortner (Hon); 2. Danny Pacheco (Hon).

40 INT: 1. Mike Altenhofel (Hon).

4-STRK: 1. Dennis Petracoa (Hon); 2. Sean Ireland (Hon); 3. Mike Mayberry (Hon).

PRODUCT EVALUATION

Moto Trainer

When motorcycle enthusiast/inventor Jerry Young called the *Cycle News* offices inviting us to come down to his facility to check out his new motocross/off-road training device, the Moto Trainer, we were a little skeptical. It just seemed too far-fetched to work.

Young described his device as a bucking-bronco-like machine, complete with handlebars and a seat that cycles through a range of motions that were sure to have us sweating and feeling the dreaded arm-pump syndrome within a few minutes. And he swore it felt just like a real motocrosser in design and function. We had to check it out.

The Moto Trainer Fitness Center is in Stanton, which is just north of Huntington Beach in Southern California, and features six of the Moto Trainer "bikes" to train on. The bikes were designed and built by Young, some 10 years after he picked up the idea after first seeing a mechanical bull in Wyoming in the early '80s. The machines are built to scale and feature Pro steel handlebars, Sunline Levers and perches, which are spring-loaded to provide hand-strength exercises and authenticity, and Ceet seats. The motions the machine cycles through are generated by electric motors and air-controlled shafts that are controlled by a centrally located control panel.

Motocrosser Mike Healey puts one of the six Moto Trainers through its paces at the Moto Trainer Fitness Center in Stanton, California.

The original prototype, made about 10 years ago, was modeled after a Yamaha WR500, although the thermo-vacuum-formed fairings have '92 CR250 motors inset in them. An ATV-type dead-man kill switch is used in the event of an ejection, which Young says hasn't taken place yet in the facility's six weeks of operation, and riders control the speed of the machine, appropriately enough, with a twist throttle.

"If racers and riders can get into shape and attain more stamina, then the safer they are and the faster they can go," Young explained. "That's why I designed it. I race Grands Prix and longer events and I wanted to find a way to get stronger and pick up more stamina without having to go to the track all the time. It's also very hard to go to the gym and exercise the muscles you need to strengthen for riding, so the Moto Trainer is a better alternative."

Young reports that motocrosser Mike Healey and desert racers Dave Ondas and Dave Chase have come out to try the machines, along with a slew of about 150 riders, two to three times a week (and non-riders, including a local professional boxer who swears by the Moto Trainer workout).

"It's definitely a good workout," Healey said after a standard five-minute stint on one of the bikes. "I'm definitely liking it. If I didn't have to pay, I'd probably be down here all the time."

The price for using the Moto Trainers is $5 for five minutes. That may seem a little high, but it was put into perspective by Young.

"It may seem a bit expensive," Young said. "But if you were to add up what it would take you to go out and go out to a local track for training - $15 in gas for your vehicle, $15 for gas and oil for your bike, not to mention cleaning your air filter, changing your oil, fresh tires, gear - you know, maintenance and stuff - this is a pretty good deal considering you can't go to the gym to exercise those muscles well. And I've been adding free time to guys' rides as they start to become regulars - they might get 10 minutes for $5 or something comparable."

When we arrived at the facility to check out the machines in action, we started to get a little nervous. What initially intimidated us was watching Healey and five other guys being tossed around on the machines. It just seemed hard to know what the machine was going to do, but Young assured us that regular riders adapt quickly to the machines and its actions. And that we did. One of us (who shall remain nameless) spent three minutes on the machine and was sweating profusely, thinking (and hoping) that he had gone at least five minutes. It's definitely a good workout that's also enjoyable.

"I've never seen anyone get off of one of those things that wasn't impressed and smiling," Young reported.

Young tells us that his next step in the evolution of the Moto Trainer is to coordinate the actions of the machine to a video screen or some other multimedia source. He is also entertaining the thought of producing single units that could be sold to the public for personal home training.

The Moto Trainer Fitness Center is open six days a week (except Sundays) or by appointment and business hours are 3 to 7 p.m. It is located at 12795 Beach Blvd., Stanton, CA 90680. For appointments or information, call 714/897-9684. CN

LEADERBOARD

1997 Championship Point Standings

ROAD RACING

FIM 500cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 3 of 15 rounds)

1. Michael Doohan (Hon), Australia (70/2 wins)
2. Alex Criville (Hon), Spain (65/1 win)
3. Tadayuki Okada (Hon), Japan (38)
   Nobuatsu Aoki (Hon), Japan (38)
5. Takumi Aoki (Hon), Japan (37)
6. Norifumi Abe (Yam), Japan (26)
7. Luca Cadalora (Yam), Italy (23)
8. Carlos Checa (Hon), Spain (20)
9. Alex Barros (Hon), Brazil (19)
10. Alberto Puig (Hon), Spain (17)

AARON YATES

FIM 250cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 3 of 15 rounds)

1. Tetsuya Harada (Apr), Japan (56)
2. Max Biaggi (Hon), Italy (50/1 win)
3. Ralf Waldmann (Hon), Germany (49/1 win)
4. Tohru Ukawa (Hon), Japan (30)
   Haruchika Aoki (Hon), Japan (30)
6. Takeshi Tsujimora (Hon), Japan (26)
7. Daijiro Kato (Hon), Japan (25/1 win)
   Olivier Jacque (Hon), France (25)
9. Noriyasu Numata (Suz), Japan (17)
10. Jeremy McWilliams (Hon), Great Britain (14)

FIM 125cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 3 of 15 rounds)

1. Noburo Ueda (Hon), Japan (56/1 win)
2. Valentino Rossi (Apr), Italy (50/1 win)
3. Kazuto Sakata (Apr), Japan (49/1 win)
4. Jorge Martinez (Apr), Spain (37)
5. Masaki Tokudome (Apr), Japan (27)
6. Masao Azuma (Hon), Japan (24)
   Tomomi Manako (Hon), Japan (24)
   Yoshiaki Katoh (Yam), Japan (24)
9. Mirko Giansanti (Hon), Italy (17)
10. Frederic Petit (Hon), France (16)
    Hideyuki Nakajo (Hon), Japan (16)

FIM WORLD SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 3 of 12 rounds)

1. Carl Fogarty (Duc), Great Britain (110/1 win)
2. Aaron Slight (Hon), New Zealand (99/2 wins)
3. John Kocinski (Hon), Modesto, CA (96/2 wins)
4. Simon Crafar (Kaw), New Zealand (81)
5. Colin Edwards II (Yam), Buffalo, TX (59)
6. Scott Russell (Yam), Jonesboro, GA (48)
7. Pierre-Francesco Chili (Duc), Italy (45/1 win)
8. Neil Hodgson (Duc), Great Britain (42)
9. Pere Riba Cabana (Hon), Spain (24)
   Akira Yanagawa (Kaw), Japan (24)

AMA/MBNA SUPERBIKE NATIONAL C'SHIP SERIES
(After 3 of 10 rounds)

1. Doug Chandler (Kaw), Salinas, CA (99/1 win)
2. Miguel Duhamel (Hon), Canada (86)
3. Steve Crevier (Hon), Canada (81)
4. Pascal Picotte (Suz), Canada (79)
5. Aaron Yates (Suz), Milledgeville, GA (69)
   Mat Mladin (Duc), Australia (69/1 win)
7. Eric Moe (Kaw), Spring Lake, MI (47)
8. Larry Pegram (Suz), Baltimore, OH (46)
9. Tommy Hayden (Kaw), Owensboro, KY (42)
10. Trip Nobles (H-D), Macon, GA (41)

AMA/PRO HONDA OILS 600cc SUPERSPORT SERIES
(After 3 of 11 rounds)

1. Pascal Picotte (Suz), Canada (96/2 wins)
2. Miguel Duhamel (Hon), Canada (95/1 win)
3. Aaron Yates (Suz), Milledgeville, GA (94)
4. Steve Crevier (Hon), Canada (82)
5. Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA (70)
6. Mike Smith (Kaw), Canton, GA (64)
   Doug Toland (Hon), Buena Park, CA (64)
8. Rich Oliver (Yam), Fresno, CA (63)
9. Jamie Hacking (Kaw), Spartanburg, SC (58)
10. Andrew Stroud (Hon), New Zealand (58)

AMA/TEAMLINE 750cc SUPERSPORT SERIES
(After 3 of 10 rounds)

1. Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA (105/2 wins)
2. Ben Bostrom (Hon), Redondo Beach, CA (92)
3. Dale Keiffer (Suz), Las Vegas, NV (67)
4. Mark McDaniel (Suz), Santa Rosa, CA (65)
5. Mario Duhamel (Suz), Canada (61/1 win)
6. Dax Snow (Suz), Las Vegas, NV (57)
7. Richard Alexander Jr. (Suz), Carmel, NY (51)
8. John Jacobbi (Suz), Noblesville, IN (46)
9. Brian Gibbs (Suz), Stockbridge, GA (42)
   Kenichiro Iwahashi (Hon), Japan (42)

AMA/ELF FUELS 250cc GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 3 of 10 rounds)

1. Rich Oliver (Yam), Fresno, CA (108/3 wins)
2. Roland Sands (Yam), Long Beach, CA (90)
3. Bobby Keith (Hon), Redwood City, CA (70)
4. Greg Esser (Yam), Pompano Beach, FL (66)
5. Randy Renfrow (Hon), Fredericksburg, VA (64)
6. John France (Hon), Melbourne, FL (58)
7. Perry Melneciuc (Hon), Lehigh Acres, FL (56)
   Matt Wait (Hon), Lodi, CA (56)
9. Hikaru Miyagi (Hon), Japan (54)
10. Mark Foster (Yam), San Juan Capistrano, CA (53)

AMA/PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE HARLEY-DAVIDSON SUPERTWINS SERIES
(After 3 of 11 rounds)

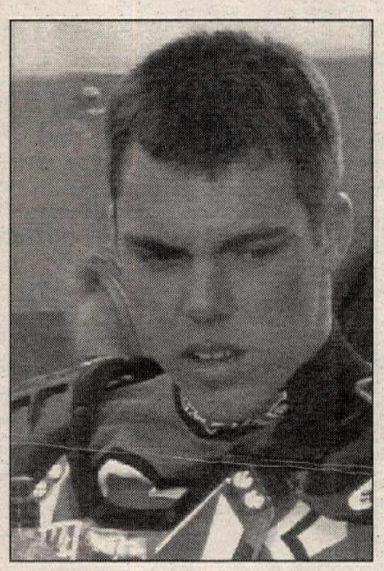
1. Eric Bostrom, El Segundo, CA (107/3 wins)
2. Shawn Higbee, Manhattan Beach, CA (97)
3. Dave Estok, Daytona Beach, FL (86)
4. Jake Zemke, Paso Robles, CA (78)
5. Lance Jones, Anderson, SC (77)
6. Shaun Russell, San Jose, CA (71)
7. Jess Roeder, Monroeville, OH (70)
8. Jody Hendley, Mission Viejo, CA (64)
9. Jerry Casciero Jr., Bel Air, MD (46)
10. Gary Rodgers, San Jose, CA (45)
    Perry Melneciuc, Lehigh Acres, FL (45)

AMA/PIRELLI FORMULA XTREME SERIES
(After 2 of 9 rounds)

1. Andrew Stroud (Hon), New Zealand (72/2 wins)
2. Doug Toland (Hon), Buena Park, CA (64)
3. James Randolph (Suz), Santa Rosa, CA (60)
4. Brian Gibbs (Suz), Stockbridge, GA (53)
5. M. Ben Welch (Yam), San Diego, CA (46)
6. Mike Krynock (Kaw), San Francisco, CA (45)
7. Anthony Johnson (Suz), Layton, UT (40)
8. Dale Kieffer (Suz), St. George, UT (28)
   Akiharu Shigeno (Suz), Japan (28)
10. Scott Ruehle (Suz), Saint Cloud, MN (26)
    Paul Munford (Kaw), Tempe, AZ (26)

SUNOCO RACE FUELS/FORMULA USA SERIES
(After 2 of 8 rounds)

1. Dave Sadowski (Hon), Jefferson, GA (116)
2. Fritz Kling (Yam), Lansing, MI (106)
3. Andy Deatherage (Kaw), Cleveland, OH (95)
4. Tray Batey (Suz), Gallatin, TN (92)
5. Curtis Adams (Suz), Whittier, CA (70/2 wins)
   Doug Chandler (Kaw), Salinas, CA (70/2 wins)
7. Michael Fitzpatrick (Suz), Columbia, MD (66)
8. Eric Wood (Kaw), Mansfield, MA (65)
9. Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA (64)
   Chris Carr (H-D), Valley Springs, CA (64)



ROBBIE REYNARD

MOTOCROSS

THOR/PARTS UNLIMITED AMA SUPERCROSS SERIES
(After 14 of 15 rounds)

1. Jeff Emig (Kaw), Riverside, CA (277/5 wins)
2. Jeremy McGrath (Suz), Canyon Lake, CA (264/2 wins)
3. Ezra Lusk (Yam), Bainbridge, GA (235/2 wins)
4. Larry Ward (Hon), Florence, SC (217)
5. Greg Albertyn (Suz), Riverside, CA (206/1 win)
6. Mike LaRocco (Suz), South Bend, IN (191)
7. Jimmy Button (Yam), Phoenix, AZ (152)
8. Doug Henry (Yam), Oxford, CT (150/2 wins)
9. Damon Bradshaw (Hon), Homedale, ID (146)
10. Ryan Hughes (Kaw), Temecula, CA (123)

AMA EASTERN REGIONAL 125cc SUPERCROSS SERIES
(After 7 of 7 rounds)

1. Tim Ferry (Suz), Largo, FL (146)
2. Stephane Roncada (Hon), France (135/2 wins)
3. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw), Havana, FL (123/3 wins)
4. Greg Schnell (Yam), Rancho Cucamonga, CA (97)
5. John Dowd (Yam), Chicopee, MA (86/2 wins)
6. Scott Sheak (Hon), Germantown, NY (84)
7. Jeff Dement (Kaw), Humble, TX (78)
8. Brock Sellards (Kaw), New Philadelphia, OH (77)
9. Jim Neese (Suz), Greensboro, NC (59)
10. Robbie Skaggs (Hon), Macon, GA (57)

AMA WESTERN REGIONAL 125cc SUPERCROSS SERIES
(After 7 of 7 rounds)

1. Kevin Windham (Yam), Baton Rouge, LA (153/5 wins)
2. Robbie Reynard (Hon), Norman, OK (131)
3. Casey Johnson (Kaw), Murrieta, CA (111)
4. David Vuillemin (Yam), France (104/1 win)
5. Casey Lytle (Hon), Santa Clarita, CA (85)
6. Craig Decker (Kaw), Palm Desert, CA (83)
7. Pedro Gonzalez (Kaw), Mexico (78)
8. Shaun Perolio (Hon), Saugus, CA (76)
9. Corey Keeney (Yam), Oakdale, MN (62)
10. Nathan Ramsey (Suz), Hixon, TX (60)

AMA 250cc NATIONAL MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 2 of 13 rounds)

1. Jeff Emig (Kaw), Riverside, CA (97/1 win)
2. Jeremy McGrath (Suz), Canyon Lake, CA (75)
3. Larry Ward (Hon), Florence, SC (63)
4. John Dowd (Yam), Chicopee, MA (61)
5. Greg Albertyn (Suz), Riverside, CA (60/1 win)
6. Damon Bradshaw (Hon), Homedale, ID (52)
   Doug Henry (Yam), Oxford, CT (52)
8. Jimmy Button (Yam), Phoenix, AZ (49)
9. Tony Amaradio (Yam), Temecula, CA (33)
10. Jason McCormick (Yam), Vancouver, WA (31)

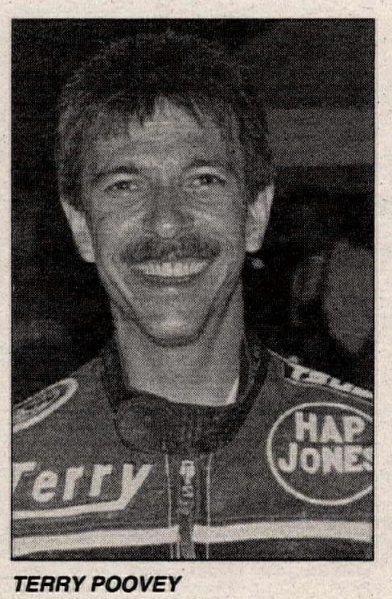
AMA 125cc NATIONAL MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 2 of 13 rounds)

1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw), Havana, FL (97/2 wins)
2. Mike Craig (Hon), Lakeside, CA (74)
3. Scott Sheak (Hon), Germantown, NY (71)
4. Robbie Reynard (Hon), Norman, OK (68)
5. Kevin Windham (Yam), Baton Rouge, LA (58)
6. Steve Lamson (Hon), Riverside, CA (55)
7. Casey Johnson (Kaw), Murrieta, CA (53)
8. Michael Brandes (Yam), Menifee, CA (47)
9. Stephane Roncada (Hon), France (41)
10. Jeff Willoh (Yam), Glendale, CA (35)

DIRT TRACK

AMA GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 1 of 24 rounds)

1. Terry Poovey (Rtx), Euless, TX (23/1 win)
2. Brett Landes (ATK), Los Gatos, CA (19)
3. Jay Springsteen (H-D), Lapeer, MI (16)
4. Dan Butler (Rtx), Waterford, MI (15)
5. Davey Camlin (Rtx), Rock Island, IL (14)
6. Willie McCoy (ATK), Richardson, TX (13)
7. Mike Hacker (Rtx), Prince George, VA (12)
8. Paul Iwanaga (Hon), Gilroy, CA (11)
9. Johnny Murphee (W-R), Paso Robles, CA (10)
10. Charlie Orr (Rtx), Irving, TX (9)



TERRY POOVEY

AMA NATIONAL HOT SHOE DIRT TRACK SERIES
(After 2 of 16 rounds)

1. Kenny Coolbeth (W-R), Warren, CT (38/1 win)
2. Terry Poovey (Rtx), Euless, TX (23/1 win)
3. Lonnie Pauley (Rtx), Salinas, CA (19)
   Brett Landes (ATK), Los Gatos, CA (19)
5. Scott Parker (H-D), Swartz Creek, MI (16)
   Scott Shin (H-D), Berwick, IL (16)
7. Roger Durkee Jr. (Rtx), Dudley, MA (15)
8. Morgan Coolbeth (Rtx), Warren, CT (14)
   Willie McCoy (Rtx), Richardson, TX (14)
10. Ryan Anderson (W-R), Portland, OR (13)
    Will Davis (ATK), Goldsboro, NC (13)

OFF-ROAD

AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENDURO SERIES
(After 5 of 9 rounds)

1. Michael Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ (140/3 wins)
2. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (109)
3. Ty Davis (Kaw), Hesperia, CA (80/1 win)
4. Matt Stavish (KTM), Blaine, MN (60)
5. Craig Holasek (KTM), Anoka, MN (49)
6. Mike Monroe (Yam), Alabaster, AL (35)
7. Kevin Hines (Hon), Weston, MA (32)
8. Donnie Book (Kaw), Gypsum, CO (31)
9. Doug Blackwell (Yam), Parkersburg, WV (30/1win)
10. Jason Dahners (KTM), Redmond, WA (27)

DUANE CONNER

AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HARE & HOUND SERIES
(After 3 of 6 rounds)

1. Ty Davis (Kaw), Hesperia, CA (90/3 wins)
2. Nick Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV (59)
3. Brian Brown (Kaw), Nampa, ID (55)
4. Steve Hengeveld (Kaw), Phelan, CA (43)
5. Donnie Book (Kaw), Gypsum, CO (29)
6. Jim Gray (KTM), Gunnison, CO (35)
   Ed McCoy (Kaw), Virginia City, NV (35)
8. Dave Hamel (Kaw), Sparks, NV (28)
9. Russell Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV (28)
10. Dan Richardson (Kaw), Fountain Valley, CA (27)

AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HARE SCRAMBLES SERIES
(After 4 of 8 rounds)

1. Paul Edmondson (Suz), Great Britain (103/2 wins)
2. Rodney Smith (Suz), Oakley, CA (66)
   Steve Hatch (Suz), Ithaca, NY (66)
   Jason Dahners (KTM), Redmond, WA (66)
5. Brian Garrahan (Kaw), Boulder Creek, CA (54)
6. Patrick Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (51)
7. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (41/1 win)
8. Aaron Sykes (Kaw), Cotati, CA (31)
9. Ty Davis (Kaw), Hesperia, CA (30/1 win)
10. Rob Kopp (Kaw), Mica, WA (26)

AMA GRAND NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY SERIES
(After 4 of 13 rounds)

1. Steve Hatch (Suz), Ithaca, NY (74/1 win)
2. Scott Summers (Hon), Petersburg, KY (73/1 win)
3. Scott Plessinger (KTM), Hamilton, OH (69)
4. Rodney Smith (Suz), Oakley, CA (51/1 win)
5. Jason Dahners (KTM), Redmond, WA (44)
6. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (40)
7. Paul Edmondson (Suz), Great Britrain (37)
8. Jim Jarret (Yam), Minerva, OH (33)
   Ty Davis (Kaw), Hesperia, CA (33)
10. Thomas Carson (Suz), Hopedale, OH (31)

AMA/NATC NATIONAL OBSERVED TRIALS SERIES
(After 3 of 9 rounds)

1. Geoff Aaron (Bet), Redding, CT (76/2 wins)
2. Raymond Peters (G-G), Beaver Dams, NY (67/1 win)
3. Lonny Hallsted (Bet), San Diego, CA (59)
4. Jess Kempkes (G-G), Lincoln, NE (57)
5. Olivier Clamagirand (G-G), Tustin, CA (56)
6. Mark Manniko (G-G), Aurora, CO (52)
7. Matt Moore (Mon), Sapulpa, OK (44)
8. Ryon Bell (Mon), Canada (41)
9. Dennis Sweeten (Bet), Oregon City, OR (36)
10. Michael Bryant (Bet), Burlington, CT (31)

CALENDAR

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World Championship Road Race Series
5/18 Mugello, Italy, Rnd 4
6/1 A1-Ring, Austria, Rnd 5
6/8 Paul Ricard, France, Rnd 6
6/28 Assen, Holland, Rnd 7
7/6 Imola, Italy, Rnd 8
7/20 Nurburgring, Germany, Rnd 9
8/3 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rnd 10
8/17 Donington Park, England, Rnd 11
8/31 Brno, Czech Republic, Rnd 12
9/14 Catalunya, Spain, Rnd 13
9/28 Sentul, Indonesia, Rnd 14
10/5 Phillip Island, Australia, Rnd 15

World Superbike Championship Series
6/8 Hockenheim, Germany, Rnd 4
6/22 Monza, Italy, Rnd 5
7/13 Monterey, California, Rnd 6
8/3 Brands Hatch, England, Rnd 7
8/17 A1-Ring, Austria, Rnd 8
8/31 Assen, Holland, Rnd 9
9/21 Albacete, Spain, Rnd 10
10/5 Sugo, Japan, Rnd 11
10/12 Sentul, Indonesia, Rnd 12

World Supersport Championship
6/8 Hockenheim, Germany, Rnd 3
7/22 Monza, Italy, Rnd 4
8/3 Brands Hatch, England, Rnd 5
8/17 Osterreichring, Austria, Rnd 6
8/31 Assen, Holland, Rnd 7
9/7 Oschersleben, Germany, Rnd 8
9/21 Albacete, Spain, Rnd 9
10/5 Sugo, Japan, Rnd 10
10/12 Sentul, Indonesia, Rnd 11

World Endurance Road Race Series
7/12-13 Spa, Belgium, Rnd 2
7/27 Suzuka, Japan, Rnd 3
9/20-21 Bol d'Or, France, Rnd 4

World Championship Trials Series
5/18 Bilstain, Belgium, Rnd 3
5/25 Borgo Maggiore, Italy, Rnd 4
6/15 Bienno, Italy, Rnd 5
6/22 La Bresse, France, Rnd 6
7/13 La Rabassa, Andorra, Rnd 7
7/27 Donner, CA, United States, Rnd 8
8/31 Nepomuk, Czech Republic, Rnd 9
9/7 Thalheim, Germany, Rnd 10

Motocross des Nations
9/14 Nismes, Belgium

Trials des Nations
9/27 Isle of Man, England

Enduro World Championship Series
5/10-11 Semily, Czech Republic, Rnd 3
5/17-18 Puy-en-Velay, France, Rnd 4
6/7-8 Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Rnd 5
6/13-14 Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Rnd 6
7/19-20 Hassleholm, Sweden, Rnd 7
7/26-27 Riihimaki, Finland, Rnd 8

International Six-Day Enduro/ISDE
8/19-24 Brescia, Italy

World Championship 500cc Motocross Series
6/1 Jinin, Czech Republic, Rnd 4
6/8 Halle, Netherlands, Rnd 5
6/29 Uddevalla, Sweden, Rnd 6
7/6 Hawkstone Park, Great Britain, Rnd 7
7/20 Laguepie, France, Rnd 8
8/3 Namur, Belgium, Rnd 9
8/10 Bockholtz, Luxembourg, Rnd 10
8/24 Holzgerlingen, Germany, Rnd 11

World Championship 250cc Motocross Series
5/11 Loket, Czech Republic, Rnd 6
5/25 Foxhill, England, Rnd 7
6/8 Borgo Maggiore, Italy, Rnd 8
6/22 Kester, Belgium, Rnd 9
7/6 Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Rnd 10
7/13 Maracay, Venezuela, Rnd 11
8/3 Jogyakarta, Indonesia, Rnd 12
8/17 Gdynia, Poland, Rnd 13
8/31 Roggenburg, Switzerland, Rnd 14
9/7 Gaildorf, Germany, Rnd 15

World Championship 125cc Motocross Series
5/11 Maggiora, Italy, Rnd 5
5/25 Foxhill, England, Rnd 6
6/1 Orehova Vas, Slovenia, Rnd 7
6/22 Gerstetten, Germany, Rnd 8
7/13 Vantaa, Finland, Rnd 9
8/10 Velke Uherce, Slovakia, Rnd 10
8/17 Neeroeteren, Belgium, Rnd 11
8/31 Lierop, Netherlands, Rnd 12

FIM World Supercross Championship
11/2 Barcelona, Spain, Rnd 1
11/7-9 Paris, France, Rnd 2,3,4
11/23 Tokyo, Japan, Rnd 5
11/30 Osaka, Japan, Rnd 6
12/5-6 Geneva, Switzerland, Rnd 7,8

World Championship Speedway Qualifier Series
5/19 Abensberg, Germany
6/7 Hyvinkaa, Finland
6/8 Pocking, Germany
6/8 St. Johann, Austria
7/27 Lonigo, Italy
7/27 Vastevik, Sweden
10/5 Wiener-Neustade, Austria

World C'ship Individual Speedway Grand Prix Series
5/17 Prague, Czech Republic, Rnd 1
6/14 Linkoping, Sweden, Rnd 2
7/5 Landshut, Germany, Rnd 3
8/9 Coventry, England, Rnd 4
8/30 Wroclaw, Poland, Rnd 5
9/20 Vojens, Denmark, Rnd 6

World C'ship Team Speedway
6/21 Krsko, Slovenia
8/24 Debrecen, Hungary
9/14 Pila, Poland

AMA Superbike National Championship
6/6-8 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 4
6/13-15 Loudon, NH, Rnd 5
6/27-29 Brainerd, MN, Rnd 6
7/18-20 Lexington, OH, Rnd 7
8/15-17 Colorado Springs, CO, Rnd 8
8/29-31 Sonoma, CA, Rnd 9
10/3-5 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 10

AMA Supercross Series
5/17 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 15

AMA National Motocross Series
5/11 San Bernardino, CA, Rnd 3
5/25 Mount Morris, PA, Rnd 4
6/15 Budds Creek, MD, Rnd 5
6/22 Southwick, MA, Rnd 6
7/6 Buchanan, MI, Rnd 7
7/20 New Berlin, NY, Rnd 8
7/27 Troy, OH, Rnd 9
8/3 Millville, MN, Rnd 10
8/17 Washougal, WA, Rnd 11
8/24 Binghamton, NY, Rnd 12
8/31 Delmont, PA, Rnd 13

AMA Grand National Championship Series
5/17 Harrington, DE, Rnd 3
5/25 Springfield, IL, Rnd 4
5/31 LaSalle, IL, Rnd 5
6/14 Terre Haute, IN, Rnd 6
6/21 Sedalia, MO, Rnd 7
6/28 Lima, OH, Rnd 8
7/5 Lake Odessa, MI, Rnd 9
7/13 DuQuoin, IL, Rnd 10
7/19 Oklahoma City, OK, Rnd 11
7/26 Rossburg, OH, Rnd 12
8/3 Peoria, IL, Rnd 13
8/6 Rapid City, SD, Rnd 14
8/9 East Moline, IL, Rnd 15
8/16 Indianapolis, IN, Rnd 16
8/23 Hagerstown, MD, Rnd 17
8/31 Springfield, IL, Rnd 18
9/7 Syracuse, NY, Rnd 19
9/13 Shakopee, MN, Rnd 20
9/20 TBA, Rnd 21
9/27 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 22
10/4 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 23
10/12 Del Mar, CA, Rnd 24

AMA National Championship Enduro Series
6/29 Akeley, MN, Rnd 6
7/13 Drummond Island, MI, Rnd 7
7/20 Rand, CO, Rnd 8
10/26 Delaware City, DE, Rnd 9

AMA National Reliability Enduro Series
Eastern Region
5/17-18 New Waverly, TX, Rnd 2
5/24 McArthur, OH, Rnd 3
Western Region
5/31-6/1 Idaho City, ID, Rnd 2
6/7-8 Tillamook, OR, Rnd 3
6/21-22 Yamhill, OR, Final

AMA National Championship Hare & Hound Series
9/21 Yerington, NV, Rnd 4
10/12 Oreanna, ID, Rnd 5
10/26 Lucerne Valley, CA, Rnd 6
11/1 Wells, NV, Rnd 7
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA National Championship Hare Scrambles Series
7/27 Kahoka, MO, Rnd 5
9/7 Millfield, OH, Rnd 6
9/28 Henryetta, OK, Rnd 7
10/12 Lynnville, IN, Rnd 8

AMA Grand National Cross Country Series
5/11 Brownsville, PA, Rnd 6
6/1 Boyers, PA, Rnd 7
6/15 Elizabeth, WV, Rnd 8
9/7 Millfield, OH, Rnd 9
9/21 Mount Morris, PA, Rnd 10
10/5 Crawfordsville, IN, Rnd 11
10/19 Lisbon, OH, Rnd 12
10/26 Alton, VA, Rnd 13
Info: 304/284-0084

AMA/Maxima Western National Four-Stroke MX Series
5/11 San Bernardino, CA
6/1 Albany, OR
7/6 Grand Junction, CO
7/20 Boise, ID
8/17 Washougal, WA
* Denotes those races run in conjunction with 125 & 250cc AMA Nationals
Info: 916/365-1979 or 503/654-6340

AMA Fall Classic/Eastern Four-Stroke National MX Series
9/20-21 Danville, VA
9/27-28 Buchanan, MI
10/4-5 London, KY
10/11-12 Casey, IL
10/18-19 Blountville, TN
11/1-2 Society Hills, SC

AMA/NATC National Championship Trials Series
5/17 West Greenwich, RI
5/18 West Greenwich, RI
5/24 Owego, NY
5/26 Twinsburg, OH
8/23 Canon City, CO
8/24 Taos Ski Valley, NM

AMA National Championship Hillclimb Series
5/18 Middlebury, IN, Rnd 1
6/1 Jefferson, PA, Rnd 2
6/8 Steel City, PA, Rnd 3
6/15 Avoca, NY, Rnd 4
7/20 Marquette, MI, Rnd 5
8/3 Jefferson, PA, Rnd 6
8/10 Haydenville, OH, Rnd 7
8/17 Dansville, NY, Rnd 8
9/14 Steel City, PA, Rnd 9
9/21 Middlebury, IN, Rnd 10
9/28 Jefferson, PA, Rnd 11
10/12 Oregonia, OH, Rnd 12

AMA/District 34/MSC Championship MX Series
5/16 Modena, NY
5/23 Walden, NY
4/6 Walden, NY
4/13 Modena, NY
4/19 Walden, NY
4/20 Modena, NY
4/27 Claverack, NY
5/4 Modena, NY
5/11 Walden, NY
5/18 Claverack, NY
5/25 Monticello, NY
6/1 Modena, NY
6/8 Modena, NY
6/15 Monticello, NY
6/22 Walden, NY
6/29 Modena, NY
7/6 Monticello, NY
7/13 Modena, NY
7/27 Walden, NY
8/3 Claverack, NY
8/10 Monticello, NY
8/17 Walden, NY
8/31 Modena, NY
9/7 Modena, NY
9/14 Claverack, NY
9/21 Modena, NY
9/28 Walden, NY
10/5 Modena, NY
10/12 Modena, NY
10/19 Walden, NY
10/26 Modena, NY
11/2 Modena, NY
11/9 Walden, NY
Info: 518/828-6149

AMA/U.S. Eastern Pro-Am Motocross Spring Series
5/18 Danville, VA
5/25 Elizabeth City, NC
6/1 Dillwyn, VA
6/1 Dillwyn, VA
Info: 804/724-4392

AMA Pacific Northwest Motocross Championship
7/5 Washougal, WA, Rnd 1
7/6 Mount View, WA, Rnd 2
7/20 Clarks Branch, WA, Rnd 3
7/27 Ward Creek, WA, Rnd 4
8/3 Washougal, WA, Rnd 5
Info: 541/673-1671

AMA/Grand Championship Pro-Am Series
7/6 Reidsville, NC
7/13 Dillwyn, VA
7/20 Reidsville, NC
7/26 Danville, VA
7/27 Danville, VA
8/10 East Bend, NC
8/24 Danville, VA
9/20 Danville, VA
Info: 804/724-4392

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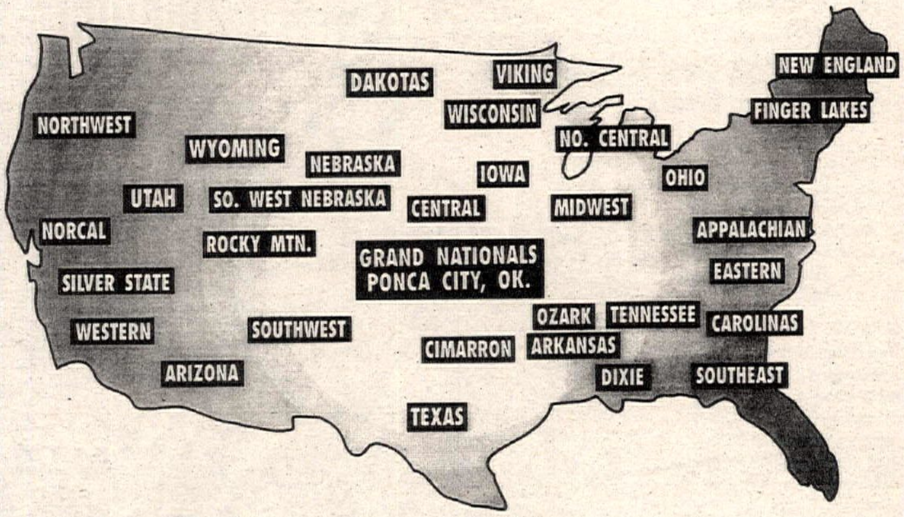

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5-11 Lyndon, Ks
5-25 Great Bend, Ks
5-26 Great Bend, Ks
6-1 Lyndon, Ks

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5-11 Ok. City, Ok
5-25 Ok. City, Ok
6-1 Ok. City, Ok
6-15 Ok. City, Ok
6-29 Welch, Ok

DAKOTAS
Monte Barnes
701/838-1268
5-4 Dickinson, ND
5-11 Jamestown, ND
5-18 Bismarck, ND
5-25 Carson, ND
6-1 Noonan, ND
6-8 Beulah, ND

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4-27 Ogden, Ut
5-25 Boise, Id
6-8 Salina, Ut
6-29 Elko, Nv

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307/682-0506
5-11 Lusk, Wy
5-25 Douglas, Wy
6-22 Casper, Wy
6-29 Riverton, Wy

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309/792-5813
5-11 Coal Vly, Il
6-1 Byron, Il
6-8 Coal Vly, Il
6-15 Byron, Il

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5-4 Westmoreland, Ks
5-18 Ashland, Ne
6-1 Ashland, Ne
6-15 Westmoreland, Ks

SO. WEST NEBRASKA
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5-11 McCook, Ne
5-18 Stockton, Ks
6-1 McCook, Ne
6-15 No. Platte, Ne

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5-31 Rochester, In
6-1 Rochester, In
6-28 No.Webster, In
6-29 No.Webster, In

OHIO
Jeff Sanders
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5-3 Malvern, Oh
5-24 Malvern, Oh
5-31 Malvern, Oh
6-8 Malvern, Oh
6-21 Malvern, Oh

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5-4 Halltown, Mo
5-24 Kingsville, Mo
6-7 Billings, Mo
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5-24 Watkins, Co
5-25 Watkins, Co
6-15 Pueblo, Co
6-29 Erie, Co

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6-1 Carson City, Nv
7-18 Carson City, Nv

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50 P.Wee Stk. Thru 6
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50 P.Wee Stk. 7-8
50 P.Wee Mod. 7-8
50 Super PW Mod.6-9
60 Jr.Cycle Stk. 6-8
60 Jr.Cycle Mod. 6-8
60 Jr.Cycle Stk. 9-11
60 Jr.Cycle Mod. 9-11
80 Stk. Thru 11
80 Mod. Thru 11
80 Stk. Beg. 12-16
80 Stk. 12-13
80 Mod. 12-13
80 Stk. 14-16
80 Mod. 14-16
SuperMini Mod.Thru 16
125 Open Thru 16 Non-Pro
125 Stk. Beg.
125 Mod. Beg.
125 Stk. Novice
125 Mod. Novice
125 Stk. Inter.
125 Mod. Inter.
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Team Green Weekend Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 23 - AMATEUR MX & PRO PRESS DAY
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Amatuer Racing 1pm (One long moto)
Riders fee - $20 ALL CLASSES
Adm. $42 (Fri/Sat/Sun. ticket; No Refund).

SATURDAY, MAY 24
Manufacturer Contingencies
Amateur Practice: 7am -9am
Pro Qualifiers: 9:30am - 12noon
Amatuer Racing 12noon (One long moto)
Riders fee - $20 ALL CLASSES
Hare Scrambles: Riders fee $20
HS Sign-up 10 am - Race noon
Quad HS Race 2 pm
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Competition Schedule

Date	Club	Event
May 10-11	Badgers M.C. @ Hwy 395, North of Red Mountain, CA Info: Tom 818-894-1452	Dual European Scrambles
May 18	Ventura County M.C. Qualifier @ Smokey Bear Rd., Gorman, CA Info: Rick 805-647-8745	Enduro
June 1	U.E.A.'s "Not-So-Tuff-E-Nuff" @ Camp Rock Rd., Lucerne Valley, CA Info: Charlie 909-592-2199	Enduro
June 7-8	R.U.T.S.' @ Camp Rock Rd., Lucerne Valley, CA Info: Eddie 562-867-1254	Dual European Scrambles

Dual Sport Schedule Info (818) 249-2141 (3,1)

Date	Club	Event
May 17-18	Countdown "China Lake 300" @ Motel 6, Ridgecrest, CA Info: Jerry 818-348-8381	Dual Sport
June 7-8	Dual Dogs "Sequoia" @ Frandy's Campground, Kernville, CA Info: Damon 818-701-1913	Nat'l Dual Sport

Dual Sport web site: www.motorsports-network.com

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October 18-19, Glen Helen Raceway

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May 3, Hangtown Amateur Day

Central, 415-587-8678
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Sunday, May 11	No Race	
Sunday, May 18	Dunestown MX	L.A.C.R.
Sunday, May 25	Dunestown MX	L.A.C.R.
Monday, May 26	Dunestown GP	L.A.C.R.

Saturday Practice · now til May 24 · 9:00 a.m. · 2:00 p.m.
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Wed, May 14	Wednesday Practice (3pm - Dusk)	Perris
Sat., May 17	Saturday Practice (8am - 1pm)	Perris

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AMA/U.S. Eastern Pro-Am Motocross Fall Series
9/7 Dillwyn, VA
9/14 Elizabeth City, NC
9/20 Danville, VA
10/5 Dillwyn, VA
10/12 Elizabeth City, NC
10/19 Danville, VA
11/2 Dillwyn, VA
11/16 Danville, VA
Info: 804/724-4392

AMA/Best of Georgia Championship MX Series
5/25 Dalton, GA
9/7 Macon, GA
9/21 Breman, GA
9/28 Roberta, GA
10/5 Dalton, GA
10/12 Macon, GA
Info: 912/788-0413

AMA/Prostar Drag Racing Series
6/21-22 Petersburg, VA, Rnd 3
8/15-17 Indianapolis, IN Rnd 4
9/5-7 Atco, NJ, Rnd 5
10/4-5 Columbus, OH, 6
11/13-16 Gainesville, FL, Rnd 7

IDBA Motorcycle Nationals
6/14-15 Norwalk, OH, Rnd 2
7/19-20 Columbus, OH, Rnd 3
8/9-10 Morocco, IN, Rnd 4
9/27-28 Greensboro, NC, Rnd 5
10/18-19 Memphis, TN, Rnd 6

AMA North Eastern Cross Country Series
5/11 Jennerstown, PA
5/25 TBA
6/8 Lowville, NY
7/6 Moravia, NY
7/13 S. Edmonsten, NY
8/3 Lowville, NY
9/7 Millfield, OH
9/21 TBA
10/12 S. Edmonsten, NY
11/2 Palmyra, NY
Info: 800/335-3833

AMA Virginia Flat Track State Championship Series
5/18 Danville, VA
6/14 Danville, VA
7/26 Danville, VA
8/23 Danville, VA
10/19 Danville, VA
11/16 Danville, VA
Info: 804/836-0710 or 804/724-4392

AMA Hot Shoe Championship Series
6/7 Dayton, OH
6/8 Peoria, IL
6/15 Indianapolis, IN
6/20 W. Plains, MO
6/22 Decatur, IL
6/27 Orrville, OH
7/4 Frederick, MD
7/26 Spokane, WA
8/2 Peoria, IL
8/22 Greenville, OH
8/30 Springfield, IL
9/5 Castle Rock, WA
9/6 Castle Rock, WA
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA/District 36 Enduro Series
5/17 Foresthill, CA
5/17 Foresthill, CA
5/25 Eureka, CA
6/1 Omo Ranch, CA
6/8 Long Barn, CA
8/19 Stonyford, CA
8/26 Elkins Flat, CA
9/28 Hollister, CA
10/19 Stonyford, CA
10/26 Elkins Flat, CA
11/1 Upper Lake, CA
11/9 Stonyford, CA
11/16 Ballinger Canyon, CA
11/23 Stonyford, CA
11/29 Foresthill, CA
Info: 408/281-3805

AMA/District 36 Family Enduro Series
5/17 Foresthill, CA
6/1 Omo Ranch, CA
9/28 Hollister, CA
11/23 Stonyford, CA
11/29 Foresthill, CA
Info: 408/281-3805

AMA Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship
5/25 Canton, MO
6/8 Collins, MO
6/22 Steeleville, MO
6/29 Park Hills, MO
7/13 Tebbetts, MO
7/27 Kahoka, MO
8/3 Lebanon, MO
8/17 Knob Noster, MO
9/7 Smithville, MO
9/14 Festus, MO
10/5 Park Hills, MO
Info 417/537-8406

AMA Amateur/Youth National Dirt Track Championship
7/8 Indianapolis, IN
7/9 Indianapolis, IN
7/11 Indianapolis, IN
7/12 Indianapolis, IN
Info 219/486-7172

AMA/District 36 Amateur/Youth Dirt Track C'ship Series
5/10 Newman, CA, Rnd 12
5/17 Newman, CA, Rnd 13
5/31 Newman, CA, Rnd 14
6/7 Newman, CA, Rnd 15
6/14 Lodi, CA, Rnd 16-17
6/21 Lodi, CA, Rnd 18-19
6/28 Lodi, CA, Rnd 20-21
7/5 Lodi, CA, Rnd 22-23
7/12 Lodi, CA, Rnd 24-25
7/19 Lodi, CA, Rnd 26-27
7/26 Lodi, CA, Rnd 28-29
8/2 Newman, CA, Rnd 30
8/9 Newman, CA, Rnd 31
8/16 Lodi, CA, Rnd 32-33
8/23 Lodi, CA, Rnd 34-35
9/13 Lodi, CA, Rnd 36-37
9/20 Lodi, CA, Rnd 38-39
10/4 Lodi, CA, Rnd 40-41
10/11 Lodi, CA, Rnd 42-43
10/18 Lodi, CA, Rnd 44
10/19 Lodi, CA, Rnd 45
Info Lodi 209/368-7182/Newman 209/463-6224

AMA/District 36 Vintage Dirt Track Championship Series
5/10 Newman, CA, Rnd 12
5/17 Newman, CA, Rnd 13
5/31 Newman, CA, Rnd 14
6/7 Newman, CA, Rnd 15
6/14 Lodi, CA, Rnd 16-17
6/21 Lodi, CA, Rnd 18-19
6/28 Lodi, CA, Rnd 20-21
7/5 Lodi, CA, Rnd 22-23
7/12 Lodi, CA, Rnd 24-25
7/19 Lodi, CA, Rnd 26-27
8/2 Newman, CA, Rnd 30
8/9 Newman, CA, Rnd 31
8/16 Lodi, CA, Rnd 32-33
8/23 Lodi, CA, Rnd 34-35
9/13 Lodi, CA, Rnd 36-37
9/20 Lodi, CA, Rnd 38-39
10/4 Lodi, CA, Rnd 40-41
10/11 Lodi, CA, Rnd 42-43
10/18 Lodi, CA, Rnd 44
10/19 Lodi, CA, Rnd 45
Info Lodi 209/368-7182/Newman 209/463-6224

AMA National Dual Sport Trail Ride Series
5/17-18 Millfield, OH
5/31-6/1 Mill Hall, PA
6/7-8 St. Charles, MO
6/7-8 Lake Isabella, CA
6/21-22 Loudon, NH
6/21-22 Renfro Valley, KY
7/6-11 Redding, CA
7/12-13 Brightwood, OR
7/19-20 Davis, WV to VA
7/27-8/1 Newberry, MI
8/23-24 Columbus, IN
9/6-7 Golden Pond, KY
9/10-13 Steamboat Springs, CO
9/13-14 Elizabeth, WV
9/27-28 Phoenix, AZ
10/4-5 St. George, UT
10/4-5 Mount Solon, VA
10/11-12 Angels Camp, CA
10/18-19 McArthur, OH
11/28-29 Los Angeles, CA

AMA/District 36 Cross Country Series
5/10-11 Virginia City, NV, Rnd 12
5/17 Foresthill, CA, Rnd 13
9/21 Yerington, NV, Rnd 14
10/5 TBA, Rnd 15
11/2 Prairie City, CA, Rnd 16
11/16 Wilseyville, CA, Rnd 17
11/29 TBA, Rnd 18
Info: 408/294-3438

AMA/District 37 Dual Sport Ride Series
5/17-18 Ridgecrest, CA
6/7-8 Kernville, CA*
6/22 Montrose, CA
7/6-11 Redding, CA*
7/12-13 Sequoia NF, CA
7/26-27 Mammoth Lakes, CA
8/9-10 Big Bear Lake, CA
8/23-24 Bass Lake, CA
9/14 Kernville, CA
9/20-21 Bishop, CA
9/28 Big Bear Lake, CA
10/4-5 Bishop, CA
10/12 Victorville, CA
10/19-25 Ridgecrest, CA
11/1-2 Death Valley, CA
11/8-9 Primm, NV
11/16 Riverside, CA
11/28-29 Azusa, CA (LA-B to V)
12/28 Mojave, CA
*National Trail Ride Series Event
Info 818/249-2141 (3,1)

AMA/District 37 Big 6 Grand Prix Series
10/4-5 San Bernardino, CA, Rnd 5
11/1-2 Gorman, CA, Rnd 6
Info: 909/678-0419

AMA U.S. Mega Series
6/8 Blountville, TN
7/6 London, KY
7/12-13 Blountville, TN
7/20 Wytheville, VA
9/7 Blountville, TN
9/21 Forest City, NC
9/28 Blountville, TN
10/4-5 London, KY
10/18-19 Blountville, TN
Info: 423/323-5497

AMA Tecnosel Carolina Ultra Series
5/18 Columbus, NC
5/25 Forest City, NC
6/1 Lincolnton, NC
8/31 Lincolnton, NC
9/14 Chesterfield, SC
10/12 Columbus, NC
11/1-2 Society Hill, SC
Info: 423/323-5497

AMA/UMTA Trials Series
5/18 Thielman, MN
6/7-8 Thielman, MN
7/5-6 Duluth, MN
7/19-20 Hixton, WI
8/2-3 Thielman, MN
8/16-17 Duluth, MN
9/14 Faribault, MN
9/28 Faribault, MN
10/12 Thielman, MN
10/19 Faribault, MN
Info: 612/481-0924 or 507/451-1321

AMA/District 10 Hare Scrambles Series
8/3 Owenton, KY
9/14 Bedford, KY
10/19 Madisonville, KY
Info: 606/472-3442 or 502/821-7421

AMA Mid South Summer Hare Scrambles Series
5/18 Clarksville, TN
6/8 Van Leer, TN
7/13 Saddleback East, KY
7/27 Lawrenceburg, TN
8/31 Clay City, KY
9/14 Hohenwald, TN
9/28 Box Hollow, TN
Info: 615/859-0873

AMA/U.S. Womens Motocross League Championship Series
5/10-11 Glen Helen, CA
7/19-20 Unadilla, NY
8/16-17 Washougal, WA
Info: 714/837-3374 or 410/760-9528

Evolution of Motocross Series
Western Region
5/10 San Bernardino, CA
5/31 Albany, OR
7/5 Grand Junction, CO
7/20 Boise, ID
8/16 Washougal, WA
Eastern Region
TBA Muddy Creek, TN
6/7 Delmont, PA
7/5 Binghamton, NY
8/31 Raceway Park, NJ
9/27 Hurricane Hills, PA
10/19 Red Bud, MI
Info: 209/252-9053

AHRMA/Progressive Suspension Historic Cup Road Race Series
5/31-6/1 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 7-8
6/14-15 Grattan, MI, Rnd 9-10
7/12-13 Lexington, OH, Rnd 11-12
8/23-24 Sonoma, CA, Rnd 13-14
9/13 Steamboat Springs, CO, Rnd 15
10/4-5 Talladega, AL, Rnd 16-17
11/15-16 Faulkville, GA, Rnd 18-19
Info: 715/842-9699

North American Sport Bike Series
6/20-22 Braselton, GA, Rnd 3
7/19-20 Portland, OR, Rnd 4
8/1-3 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 5
8/29-31 Long Pond, PA, Rnd 6
10/3-5 Loudon, NH, Rnd 7
10/30-11/2 Daytona Beach, FL, Rnd 8

NASB/Formula USA Series
6/20-22 Braselton, GA, Rnd 3
7/19-20 Portland, OR, Rnd 4

8/1-3 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 5
8/29-31 Long Pond, PA, Rnd 6
10/3-5 Loudon, NH, Rnd 7
10/30-11/2 Daytona Beach, FL, Rnd 8

CCS/Championship Cup Road Racing Series

California Region
5/31-6/1 Buttonwillow, CA
8/2-3 Buttonwillow, CA
9/6-7 Buttonwillow, CA
10/4-5 Buttonwillow, CA
11/29-30 Phoenix, AZ
12/6-7 Las Vegas, NV*
12/20-21 Phoenix, AZ

Florida Region
5/26 West Palm Beach, FL
6/22 West Palm Beach, FL
7/27 West Palm Beach, FL
8/24 West Palm Beach, FL
9/6-7 Homestead, FL
9/13-14 Braselton, GA
9/28 West Palm Beach, FL
12/6-7 Homestead, FL*

Great Lakes Region
5/31-6/1 Grattan, MI
6/21-22 South Beloit, IL
7/5-6 Elkhart Lake, WI
8/1-3 Elkhart Lake, WI*
8/23-24 Brainer, MN
9/6-7 Grattan, MI
9/20-21 South Beloit, IL*

Great Plains Region
5/10-11 South Beloit, IL
7/5-6 Elkhart Lake, WI
8/1-3 Elkhart Lake, WI*
8/16-17 Topeka, KS
8/23-24 Brainerd, MN
9/20-21 South Beloit, IL*

Northeast Region
5/24-25 Bridgehampton, NY
6/7-8 Loudon, NH
7/5-6 Bridgehampton, NY
7/19-20 Loudon, NH
8/2-3 Bridgehampton, NY
8/23-24 Loudon, NH
8/30-31 Bridgehampton, NY
9/6-7 Loudon, NH
10/3-5 Loudon, NH

Mid-Atlantic Region
5/24-25 Bloomingdale, GA
6/14-15 Summit Point, WV
6/21-22 Braselton, GA*
7/19-20 Summit Point, WV
8/16-17 Braselton, GA
8/28-31 Long Pond, PA*
9/13-14 Braselton, GA
10/4-5 Summit Point, WV*

Midwest Region
5/10-11 South Beloit, IL
5/31-6/1 Grattan, MI
6/21-22 South Beloit, IL
7/5-6 Elkhart Lake, WI
7/19-20 South Beloit, IL
8/1-3 Elkhart Lake, WI*
8/16-17 South Beloit, IL
8/23-24 Brainer, MN
9/6-7 Grattan, MI
9/20-21 South Beloit, IL

Southeast Region
5/24-25 Bloomingdale, GA
6/21-22 Braselton, GA*
7/19-20 Bloomingdale, GA
8/16-17 Braselton, GA
8/30-31 Bloomingdale, GA
9/13-14 Braselton, GA*

Southwest Region
5/24-25 Phoenix, AZ
8/2-3 Buttonwillow, CA
9/20-21 Las Vegas, NV
10/4-5 Buttonwillow, CA
11/29-30 Phoenix, AZ
12/6-7 Las Vegas, NV*
12/20-21 Phoenix, AZ
*Double Points Event
Info: 704/684-4297

Northern California Mini Road Racing Championship Series

5/17-18 Sacramento, CA
6/7-8 Sacramento, CA*
7/12-13 Sacramento, CA
8/2-3 Sacramento, CA
9/13-14 Sacramento, CA*
10/4-5 Sacramento, CA
*Indicates Spring and Endurance Race Event
Info: 916/722-5517

CRA Road Race Championship Series

5/10-11 Brainerd, MN
6/14-15 Brainerd, MN
8/2-3 Brainerd, MN
9/13-14 Brainerd, MN
Info: 612/332-4070

AHRMA BMW Classic Cup Series

5/31-6/1 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 2
7/12-13 Lexington, OH, Rnd 3
9/13 Steamboat Springs, CO, Rnd 4
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA SOS/BOT/Sound of Thunder Series

5/31-6/1 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 7-8
6/14-15 Grattan, MI, Rnd 9-10
7/12-13 Lexington, OH, Rnd 11-12
8/23-24 Sonoma, CA, Rnd 13-14
9/13-14 Steamboat Springs, CO, Rnd 15
10/4-5 Talladega, AL, Rnd 16-17
11/15-16 Faulkville, GA, Rnd 18-19
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA/Speed & Sport Vintage MX Series

5/18 Perris, CA, Rnd 7
5/31 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 8
6/7 New Berlin, NY, Rnd 9
6/14 Grattan, MI, Rnd 10
6/22 Eugene, OR, Rnd 11
6/28 Peoria, IL, Rnd 12
7/5-6 Carlsbad, CA, Rnd 13-14
7/12 Lexington, OH, Rnd 15
7/26 Southwick, MA, Rnd 16
8/9 Mammoth Mountain, CA, Rnd 17
8/16 Linnville, OH, Rnd 18
9/12 Steamboat Springs, CO, Rnd 19
10/19 Hollister, CA, Rnd 20
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Mid West Regional Motocross Series

5/18 Wapella, IL
7/19 Grantsburg, WI
8/30 Bedford, KY
9/27 Lamoni, IA
10/4 Denmark, WI
10/18 Casey, IL
Info: 414/684-4331

AHRMA Western Regional Motocross Series

6/22 Eugene, OR
8/10 Mammoth, CA
9/28 Fernley, NV
10/5 TBA
11/2 Tulare, CA
Info: 408/663-4014

AHRMA/Texas Vintage Iron Spring Series

5/11 Houston, TX
5/25 Tyler, TX
6/15 Houston, TX
Info: 281/497-3366

AHRMA Nor Cal Motocross Series

7/20 Carson City, NV
8/31 Monterey, CA
9/28 Fernley, NV
10/19 Hollister, CA
Info: 702/265-4904

AHRMA So Cal Motocross Series

5/18 Perris, CA
6/28 Perris, CA
8/10 Mammoth, CA
10/5 TBA
Info: 909/929-6772

AHRMA/Speed & Sport Vintage Trials Series

6/1 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 7
6/15 Grattan, MI, Rnd 8
6/29 Peoria, IL, Rnd 9
7/4 Carlsbad, CA, Rnd 10
7/13 Lexington, OH, Rnd 11
8/24 Sonoma, CA, Rnd 12
9/11 Steamboat Springs, CO, Rnd 13
10/11 White City, IL, Rnd 14
10/18 Hollister, CA, Rnd 15
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA/BMW Classic Cup Roadrace Series

5/31-6/1 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 2
7/12-13 Lexington, OH, Rnd 3
9/13 Steamboat Springs, CO, Rnd 4
Info 715/842-9699

AHRMA Western Regional Trials Series

7/4 Carlsbad, CA
8/16 Norden, CA
8/23 Sonoma, CA
9/27 La Porte, CA
10/18 Hollister, CA
10/25 Patterson, CA
11/22 Auburn, CA
Info: 916/967-0262

AHRMA Western Regional Dirt Track Series

5/17 Hanford, CA
5/24 Tulare, CA
5/25 Tulare, CA
8/3 Hollister, CA
10/4 Tulare, CA
10/5 Tulare, CA
10/11 Del Mar, CA
Info: 818/992-5343

AHRMA/Classic Bike Magazine Dirt Track Series

5/17 Hanford, CA, Rnd 2
5/17 Big Rapids, MI, Rnd 3
5/25 Tulare, CA, Rnd 4
6/7 Budds Creek, MD, Rnd 5
6/8 Cumberland, MD, Rnd 6
6/29 Peoria, IL, Rnd 7
7/6 Lake Odessa, MI, Rnd 8
7/11 Ashland, OH, Rnd 9
7/26 Weedsport, NY, Rnd10
8/3 Wilmington, DE, Rnd 11
8/16 Linnville, OH, Rnd 12
9/10 Hayden, CO, Rnd 13
9/21 Lebanon Valley, NY, Rnd 14
9/27 Lawrenceville, GA, Rnd 15
9/28 Lavonia, GA, Rnd 16
10/6 Tulare, CA, Rnd 17
10/10 San Diego, CA, Rnd 18
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Dixie Cup Road Race Series

10/4-5 Talledega, AL, Rnd 3
11/15-16 Faulkville, GA, Rnd 4
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Masters of the Midwest Road Race Trophy

5/31-6/1 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 1
6/14-15 Grattan, MI, Rnd 2
7/12-13 Lexington, OH, Rnd 3
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Pacific Crown Road Race Series

8/23-24 Sonoma, CA, Rnd 2
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Vintage Motorcycle Days Road Race C'ships

7/12-13 Lexington, OH, Rnd 1
8/23-24 Sonoma, CA, Rnd 2
Info: 715/842-9699

MARS Motorcycle Asphalt Racing Series

5/16 Myrtle Beach, SC
9/20 Asheville, NC
9/26 Tracy, CA
10/24 Kenly, NC
10/25 Summerville, NC
Info: 770/934-3112

New York State Challenge Series

7/20 Batavia, NY, Rnd 1
7/27 Hunt, NY, Rnd 2
8/3 Palmyra, NY, Rnd 3
8/10 Silver Springs, NY, Rnd 4
8/17 Frozen Ocean, NY, Rnd 5
Info: WNYSC 716/786-0236

La Playa Grand Prix Motocross Series

5/18 Rosarito, BC/Mexico, Rnd 2
8/10 Rosarito, BC/Mexico, Rnd 3
10/5 Rosarito, BC/Mexico, Rnd 4
12/7 Rosarito, BC/Mexico, Rnd 5
Info: 011/52-661-22525

ECEA Championship Enduro Series

5/11 Stanhope, NJ
5/25 New Philadelphia, PA
6/22 West Greenwich, RI
7/20 Blain, PA
7/27 Rawlings, MD
8/3 Middlebury Center, PA
8/17 Speedsville, NY
8/24 Mauricetown, NJ
9/7 Shippensburg, PA
9/14 Brandonville, PA
9/21 New Lisbon, NJ
9/28 Webb Mills, NY
10/5 New Gretna, NJ
10/26 Delaware City, DE
Info: 717/865-0601

ECEA Championship Hare Scrambles Series

5/18 Belleplain, NJ
6/8 Woodland Twp., NJ
7/6 Stanhope, NJ
8/10 Hobbie, PA
10/19 Budds Creek, MD
11/2 Warren Grove, NJ
11/9 Nauricetown, NJ
11/23 Greenbank, NJ
Info: 717/865-0601

ECEA Dual Sport Series

6/15 Brandonville, PA
7/6 Belleplain, NJ
10/12 Indian Mills, NJ
10/19 New Philadelphia, PA
11/16 Greenbank, NJ
Info: 717/865-0601

WERA National Endurance Series

5/10 Braselton, GA, Rnd 2
5/24 Hallett, OK, Rnd 3
6/14 East St. Louis, IL, Rnd 4
6/28 Clermont, IN, Rnd 5
7/5 Grattan, MI, Rnd 6
8/2 Summit Point, WV, Rnd 7
9/6 Millington, TN, Rnd 8
9/20 College Station, TX, Rnd 9
10/10 Braselton, GA, Rnd 10

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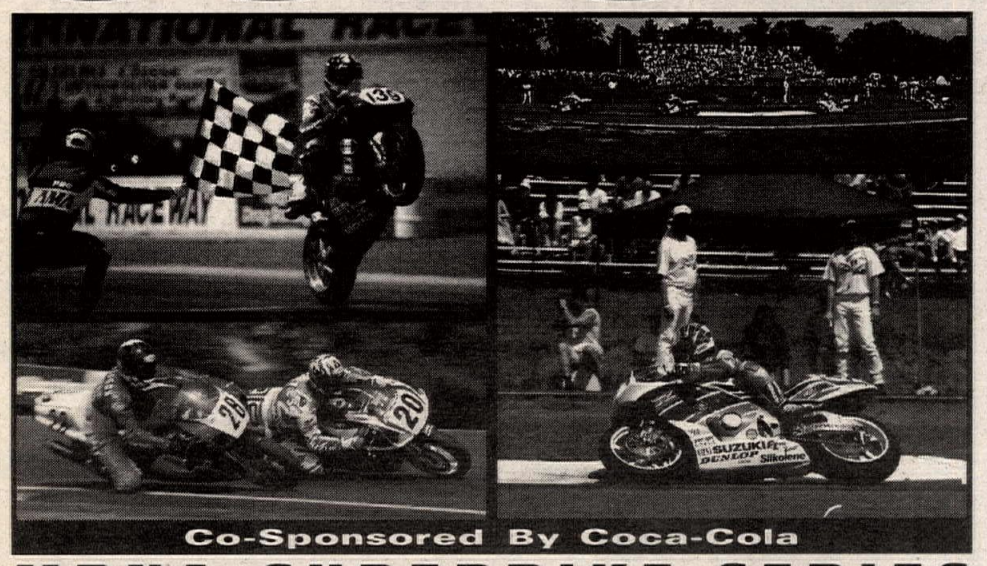

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WERA National Challenge Series
5/9-11 Braselton, GA, Rnd 2
5/23-25 Hallett, OK, Rnd 3
6/13-15 East St. Louis, IL, Rnd 4
6/26-29 Clermont, IN, Rnd 5
7/4-6 Grattan, MI, Rnd 6
8/1-3 Summit Point, WV, Rnd 7
9/5-7 Millington, TN, Rnd 8
9/19-21 College Station, TX, Rnd 9
10/8-12 Braselton, GA, Rnd 10
Info: 770/924-8404

WERA Grand National Finals
10/9-13 Braselton, GA

WERA Vintage Series
5/17 Mount Meridian, IN, Rnd 10
5/24 Garretsville, OH, Rnd 11
5/31 Summit Point, WV, Rnd 12
6/7 Faulkville, GA, Rnd 13
6/7 Grattan, MI, Rnd 14
6/8 Henderson, TX, Rnd 15
7/6 College Station, TX, Rnd 16
7/19 South Haven, MI, Rnd 17
7/26 Garrettsville, OH, Rnd 18*
7/26 Braselton, GA, Rnd 19
8/3 Henderson, TX, Rnd 20
8/9 Mount Meridian, IN, Rnd 21
8/23 Talladega, AL, Rnd 22
8/30 Garrettsville, OH, Rnd 23
8/31 Hallett, OK, Rnd 24
9/6 Summit Point, WV, Rnd 25
9/20 Faulkville, GA, Rnd 26

WERA Sportsman Series
North Central
5/17-18 Mount Meridian, IN
6/7-8 Grattan, MI
6/21-22 Mount Meridian, IN
6/26-29 Clemont, IN
7/19-20 South Haven, MI
8/9-10 Mount Meridian, IN
8/16-17 Fairmont, IL
9/27-28 Mount Meridian, IN
Northeast
5/24-25 Garrettsville, OH
5/31-6/1 Summit Point, WV
6/7-8 Grattan, MI
6/26-29 Clermont, IN
7/19-20 South Haven, MI
7/26-27 Garrettsville, OH
8/30-31 Garrettsville, OH
9/6-7 Summit Point, WV
Mid-Central
5/17-18 Millington, TN
5/23-25 Hallett, OK
6/14-15 Talladega, AL
6/26-29 Clermont, IN
7/26-27 Braselton, GA
8/16-17 Fairmont, IL
8/30-31 Hallett, OK
9/5-7 Millington, TN
9/27-28 Mount Meridian, IN
South Central
5/23-25 Hallett, OK
6/7-8 Henderson, TX
6/26-29 Clermont, IN
7/5-6 College Station, TX
8/2-3 Henderson, TX
8/30-31 Hallett, OK
9/20-21 College Station, TX
Southeast
5/17-18 Millington, TN
6/7-8 Faulkville, GA
6/14-15 Talladega, AL
6/26-29 Clermont, IN
7/26-27 Braselton, GA
8/9-10 Faulkville, GA
8/23-24 Talladega, AL
9/20-21 Faulkville, GA
Info: 770/924-8404

VDTRA Regional C'ship Dirt Track Series
5/18 Columbus Junction, IA
6/6 Monett, MO
6/7 Wichita, KS
6/8 Wichita, KS
6/27 Casper, WY
6/28 Casper, WY
7/5 Rockport, IN
7/12 Sturgis, SD
7/13 Sturgis, SD
8/4 Sturgis, SD
8/11 Stockton, KS
8/12 Stockton, KS
Info: 316/663-9877 or 307/473-2700 or 618/724-2613

CMA Eastern Region Dirt Track Series
5/17 Shannonville, Ont.
5/18 Woodstock, Ont.
6/7 Leamingtion, Ont.
6/14 Welland, Ont.
6/21 Welland, Ont.
6/27 Barrie, Ont.
6/28 Welland, Ont.
6/29 Shannonville, Ont.
7/5 Welland, Ont.
7/12 Welland, Ont.
7/19 Welland, Ont.
8/2 Welland, Ont.
8/9 Shannonville, Ont.
8/10 Three Rivers, Que.
8/29 Quebec City, Que.
Info: 905/522-5705

Vintage Classics X National Championship Dirt Track
5/31 Cambridge, MN
6/1 Cambridge, MN
6/14 Indianapolis, IN
7/18 Oklahoma City, OK
7/20 Oklahoma City, OK
7/25 Grand Island, NE
7/26 Norton, KS
8/7 Rapid City, SD
8/9 Sturgis, SD
10/10 Del Mar, CA
10/11 Del Mar, CA
Info: 918/836-6999

AMRA Harley-Davidson National Point Drag Race Series
5/10-11 Memphis, TN
6/7-8 Morocco, IN
8/23-24 Ennis, TX
10/4-5 Bowling Green, KY

AMRA Region One Harley-Davidson Drag Race Series
7/19-20 Wentzville, MO
8/2-3 Marion, SD
9/13-14 Cordova, IL

AMRA Region Two Point Harley-Davidson Drag Race Series
6/21-22 Clarksville, TN

VMA State Championship Vintage MX Series
5/25 Hanford, CA, Rnd 2
9/21 Folsom, CA, Rnd 3
10/5 Madera, CA, Rnd 4
11/16 Hanford, CA, Rnd 5
Info: 209/661-0706

The Barona Short Track Championship Series
5/10 Ramona, CA
6/7 Ramona, CA
6/21 Ramona, CA
7/19 Ramona, CA
8/16 Ramona, CA
9/13 Ramona, CA
10/18 Ramona, CA
11/8 Ramona, CA
Info: 619/277-2743

Delaware Short Track Championship Series
5/9 Seaford, DE, Rnd 6
5/16 Seaford, DE, Rnd 7
5/23 Seaford, DE, Rnd 8
5/30 Seaford, DE, Rnd 9
6/6 Seaford, DE, Rnd 10
6/13 Seaford, DE, Rnd 11
6/20 Seaford, DE, Rnd 12
6/27 Seaford, DE, Rnd 13
7/4 Seaford, DE, Rnd 14
7/11 Seaford, DE, Rnd 15
7/25 Seaford, DE, Rnd 16
8/1 Seaford, DE, Rnd 17
8/8 Seaford, DE, Rnd 18
8/15 Seaford, DE, Rnd 19
8/22 Seaford, DE, Rnd 20
8/29 Seaford, DE, Rnd 21
9/5 Seaford, DE, Rnd 22
9/12 Seaford, DE, Rnd 23
9/19 Seaford, DE, Rnd 24
9/26 Seaford, DE, Rnd 25
10/3 Seaford, DE, Rnd 26
10/10 Seaford, DE, Rnd 27
10/17 Seaford, DE, Rnd 28
10/24 Seaford, DE, Rnd 29
10/31 Seaford, DE, Rnd 30
Info: 302/335-3215

GFTL/Georgia Flat Track League
5/31 Perry, GA
6/1 Perry, GA
7/4 Lawrenceville, GA
7/5 Lawrenceville, GA
8/1 Athens, GA
8/23 Athens, GA
9/27 Lawrenceville, GA
10/26 Carnesville, GA
Info: 770/962-7888

Central California Rough Scrambles C'ship Series
5/11 Madera, CA, Rnd 6
9/14 Madera, CA, Rnd 7
9/28 Madera, CA, Rnd 8
10/12 Madera, CA, Rnd 9
10/26 Madera, CA, Rnd 10
11/9 Madera, CA, Rnd 11
11/23 Madera, CA, Rnd 12
Info: 209/661-0706

The New England Hillclimbers Series
5/18 Exeter, RI
6/1 Greenfield, MA
6/11 Gilford, NH
7/13 Enfield, NH
7/26-27 Mankato, MN
8/3 Caroga Lake, NY
8/10 Enfield, NH
8/17 Monson, MA
8/31 Canaan, NH
9/7 Enfield, NH
9/21 Canaan, NH
9/28 Exeter, RI
10/5 Monson, MA

RMEC/Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuit
5/25 Limon, CO
6/8 Buena Vista, CO
6/29 Upton, WY
7/20 Rand, CO
Info: 307/742-4136

Rocky Mountain Motocross Series
5/24-25 Aurora, CO
6/15 Pueblo, CO
6/29 Erie, CO
7/6 Aurora, CO
7/20 Colorado Springs, CO
8/24 Colorado Springs, CO
8/31 Pueblo, CO
9/21 Erie, CO
10/26 Colorado Springs, CO
Info: 719/473-6723

Buckeye State Motocross Championship Series
7/6 Millfield, OH
7/13 Nelsonville, OH
7/20 Greenville, OH
7/24 Troy, OH
9/1 McArthur, OH
9/14 Frankfort, OH
9/28 Sugar Grove, OH
Info: 614/366-5159

Smoky Mountain Mini Road Race Series
6/8 Elgin, SC
7/6 Elgin, SC
9/14 Elgin, SC
10/12 Elgin, SC*
11/2 Elgin, SC
*Endurance
Info: 704/531-2797

Mid-Atlantic Vintage Trials Series
6/21 Williamsport, PA
7/19 Lock Haven, PA
8/9 Toronto, OH
9/21 Middletown, PA
10/5 Toughkenamon, PA
Info: 410/775-7209

Southeastern Trials Riders Association C'ship Series
5/17-18 Resaca, GA
8/9-10 Carrollton, KY
9/6-7 Gadsden, AL
10/4-5 Monroe, GA
10/18-19 Jasper, TN
11/15-16 Cumming, GA
Info: 423/942-8688

Arkansas Hare Scrambles Championship Series
5/18 Salem, AR
6/1 Maynard, AR
6/15 Durham, AR
7/6 Fort Smith, AR
8/10 Salem, AR
8/24 Bee Branch, AR
9/14 Maynard, AR
10/26 Lost Creek Park, AR
11/30 Fort Smith, AR
Info: 501/646-7000

Virginia Championship Hare Scrambles Series
5/18 Surry, VA
6/1 Rural Retreat, VA
6/8 Ivor, VA
9/7 Pulaski, VA
9/21 Middlebrook, VA
10/5 Martinsville, VA
10/19 Newport News, VA
11/2 Surry, VA
Info: 757/255-4620

KORR Hare Scrambles Championship Series
10/19 Arkansas City, KS
11/2 Sterling, KS
11/9 Marion, KS
11/16 Arkansas City, KS
12/7 Hillsboro, KS
Info: 316/942-6527

Mammoth Motocross
6/26-29 Mammoth Lakes, CA
Info: 619/934-0642

Commotion By The Ocean 10 Motocross
6/7-8 Carlsbad, CA
Info: 619/484-1441

Performance Engineering Sunflower State MX Championship Series
6/8 Great Bend, KS
6/15 Inman, KS
7/13 Lyndon, KS
7/26 Concordia, KS
8/31 Great Bend, KS
9/1 Great Bend, KS
9/14 Great Bend, KS
9/28 Inman, KS
10/5 Lyndon, KS
10/19 Inman, KS
Info: 913/842-8272

KORR Motocross Championship Series
5/18 Arkansas City, KS
6/8 Hillsboro, KS
6/22 Marion, KS
7/13 Sterling, KS
7/26 Marion, KS
7/27 Hillsboro, KS
8/17 Sterling, KS
8/24 Hillsboro, KS
9/7 Marion, KS
9/14 Arkansas City, KS
9/21 Sterling, KS
10/12 Hillsboro, KS
10/27 Marion, KS
Info: 316/942-6527

Yamaha Sunshine State MX Championship Series
5/11 Reddick, FL
5/18 Dade City, FL
5/25 Ona, FL
6/1 Orlando, FL
6/8 Reddick, FL
6/15 Dade City, FL
7/6 Ona, FL
7/13 Orlando, FL
7/20 Reddick, FL
7/27 Dade City, FL
8/17 Ona, FL
8/24 Orlando, FL
8/31 Reddick, FL
9/7 Dade City, FL
9/14 Ona, FL
Info: 407/333-2356

GFI Spring Trophy Motocross Series
5/9 Madera, CA, Rnd 6
5/16 Madera, CA, Rnd 7
5/23 Madera, CA, Rnd 8
Info: 209/673-8080

GFI Night Motocross Series
6/7 Perris, CA
6/14 Perris, CA
6/21 Perris, CA
7/12 Perris, CA
7/19 Perris, CA
7/26 Perris, CA
8/2 Perris, CA
8/9 Perris, CA
8/16 Perris, CA
8/23 Perris, CA
8/30 Perris, CA
Info: 909/653-4042

Salem Motorcycle Club Hare Scrambles Series
5/11 Salem, OH
6/15 Salem, OH*
7/6 Salem, OH
10/12 Salem, OH**
*Buckeye Series/**Corky Wurster Memorial
Info: 330/482-2971 or 330/332-9465

AMA Amateur National Motocross Championships
Northeast
5/17 Southwick, MA
6/14-15 Danville, VA
6/28-29 Armaugh, PA
Southeast
5/24-25 Chatsworth, GA
6/28-29 Sanford, NC
6/21-22 Ocala, FL
Mideast
5/10-11 North Webster, IN
5/17-18 Clay City, KY
5/31-6/1 Buchanan, MI
6/21-22 Millington, MI
6/14-15 London, KY
North Central
5/10-11 Casey, IL
5/25-26 Browerville, MN
6/28-29 Lake Mills, WI
6/21-22 Lowes, KY
South Central
5/11 Highland, TX
5/18 Moriarty, NM
5/24-25 Denver, CO
6/14-15 Tyler, TX
Northwest
5/10 Washougal, WA
5/25 Washougal, WA
Southwest
5/18 Moriarty, NM
6/8 San Bernardino, CA

Amateur/Youth Motocross Final
8/3-9 Hurricane Mills, TN
Info: 419/478-5386

NMA Grand National MX C'ship Ponca City Qualifier
Western 1
5/18 Moreno Valley, CA
6/1 Moreno Valley, CA
6/15 Moreno Valley, CA
Info: 310/868-8112
Western 2
5/10 Livermore, CA
5/25 Hollister, CA
5/26 Hollister, CA
6/8 Monterey, CA
Info: 415/587-8678
Arizona
5/31 Cottonwood, AZ
6/1 Cottonwood, AZ
Info: 602/849-1572
Dakotas
5/11 Jamestown, ND
5/18 Bismarck, ND
5/25 Carsen, ND
6/1 Noonan, ND
6/8 Beulah, ND
Info: 701/838-1268
Appalachian
6/8 Delmont, PA
Info: 412/836-2407
Midwest
5/11 Coal Valley, IL
6/1 Byron, IL
6/8 Coal Valley, IL
6/15 Byron, IL
Info: 309/792-5813
Nebraska
5/18 Ashland, NE
6/1 Ashland, NE
6/15 Westmoreland, KS
Info: 402/572-7196
Arkansas
5/26 Little Rock, AR
6/15 Fort Smith, AR
7/4 Fort Smith, AR
Info: 501/484-0752
So. West Nebraska
5/11 McCook, NE
5/18 Stockton, KS
6/1 McCook, NE
6/15 North Platte, NE
Info: 308/345-3744
North Central
5/31 Rochester, IN
6/1 Rochester, IN
6/28 North Webster, IN
6/29 North Webster; IN
Info: 616/554-8071
Northwest
5/11 Richland, WA
5/18 Richland, WA
Info: 208/667-7905
Ohio
5/24 Malvern, OH
5/31 Malvern, OH
6/8 Malvern, OH
6/21 Malvern, OH
Info: 330/262-4945
Ozark
5/24 Kingsville, MO
6/7 Billings, MO
6/28 Kingsville, MO
Info: 417/889-4794 or 881-3587
Rocky Mountain
5/24 Watkins, CO
5/25 Watkins, CO
6/15 Pueblo, CO
6/29 Erie, CO
Info: 303/215-0227
Silver State
6/1 Carson City, NV
6/18 Carson City, NV
Wyoming
5/11 Lusk, WY
5/25 Douglas, WY
6/22 Casper, WY
6/29 Riverton, WY
Info: 307/682-0506
Eastern Region
5/11 Budds Creek, MD
5/18 Hagerstown, MD
6/22 Newburg, PA
Info: 703/815-1959
Southeast
5/17 Milton, FL
5/31 Milton, FL
6/7 Milton, FL
6/21 Milton, FL
Info: 904/944-4794
Texas
5/31 Fort Worth, TX
6/7 Houston, TX
Info: 972/660-6107
Utah
5/25 Boise, ID
6/8 Salina, UT
6/29 Elko, NV
Info: 801/776-3631

Southeast
5/27 Moriarty, NM
5/28 Moriarty, NM
6/22 Moriarty, NM
Info: 505/822-9170
Cimarron
5/11 Oklahoma City, OK
5/25 Oklahoma City, OK
6/1 Oklahoma City, OK
6/15 Oklahoma City, OK
6/29 Welch, OK
Info: 405/733-0341
Carolinas
5/18 Hendersnvle, NC
6/8 Blountville, TN
Info: 704/483-0772
Central
5/11 Lyndon, KS
5/25 Great Bend, KS
5/26 Great Bend, KS
6/1 Lyndon, KS
Info: 913/842-8272
Finger Lakes
5/18 Binghamton, NY
6/1 Clifford, PA
6/8 Newburgh, NY
6/15 Clifford, PA
Info: 607/732-5154

NMA Grand National MX Championships
7/29-8/2 Ponca City, OK
Info: 310/868-8112

MRAN Desert Series
5/24 Delta, UT, Rnd 5
7/5-6 Caliente, NV, Rnd 6
8/3 Ely, NV, Rnd 7
8/30-31 Pioche, NV, Rnd 8
10/18-19 Logandale, UT, Rnd 9
11/1-2 Beatty, NV, Rnd 10
Info: 702/437-6762

Thor/Parts Unlimited Northeast Classic Motocross Series
5/18 Binghamton, NY, Rnd 1
6/1 Clifford, PA, Rnd 2
6/8 Unadilla, NY, Rnd 3
6/29 Englishtown, NJ, Rnd 4
7/27 Walden, NY, Rnd 5
8/3 New Egypt, NJ, Rnd 6
Info: 717/222-9290

GNC Texas Motocross Series
5/18 Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
5/25 Bastrop, TX
6/1 Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
6/8 Highlands, TX
Info: 817/295-1760

Alabama Spring MX Series
5/11 Kilpatrick, AL
5/18 Steele, AL
Info: 205/681-8317

South Dakota/Iowa Motocross Series
5/18 Fort Dodge, IA
6/1 Sioux Falls, SD
6/8 Palmyra, NE
6/15 Armstrong, IA
6/21 Truesdale, IA
6/29 Fort Dodge, IA
7/13 Armstrong, IA
7/20 Palmyra, NE
7/26 Truesdale, IA
8/17 Armstrong, IA
8/30 Truesdale, IA
9/14 Yankton, SD
9/21 Sioux Falls, SD
Info: 605/665-3512

Kentucky/Tennessee Motocross Series
5/17 Murray, KY, Rnd 6
5/23 Smithland, KY, Rnd 7
6/1 Milan, TN, Rnd 8
6/7 Clarksville, TN, Rnd 9
6/11 Smithland, KY, Rnd 10
6/13 Murray, KY, Rnd 11
7/5 Draffenville, KY, Rnd 12
7/12 Draffenville, KY, Rnd 13
7/19 Atwood, TN, Rnd 14
7/26 Draffenville, KY, Rnd 15
8/24 White Plains, KY, Rnd 16
8/30 Atwood, TN, Rnd 17
9/6 Dyersburg, TN, Rnd 18
9/13 Clarksville, TN, Rnd 19
9/21 Milan, TN, Rnd 20
9/27 Paris, TN, Rnd 21
10/5 Milan, TN, Rnd 22
10/18 Paris, TN, Rnd 23
10/25 Paris, TN, Rnd 24
11/2 Milan, TN, Rnd 25
Info: 901/642-0511

Cornhusker Motocross Series
5/11 McCook, NE
5/18 Stockton, KS
6/1 McCook, NE
6/15 North Platte, NE
6/22 Stockton, KS
6/29 TBA
7/6 Douglas, NE
7/13 Stockton, KS

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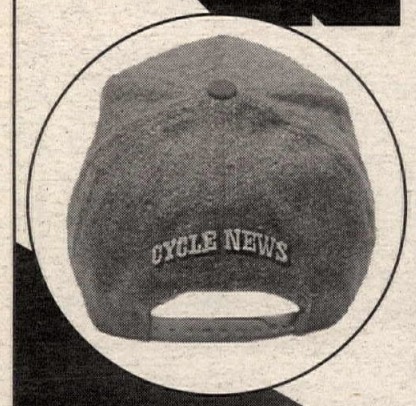

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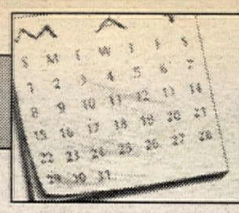

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7/27 McCook, NE
8/10 North Platte, NE
8/17 Stockton, KS
8/24 TBA
9/7 North Platte, NE
9/14 Stockton, KS
9/21 Alma, NE
9/28 TBA
10/12 Douglas, NE
10/19 North Platte, NE
10/26 McCook, NE
Info: 308/928-2503 or 308/345-3744

Branson USA MX Nationals
10/3-5 Branson, MO
Info: 909/657-6782

TCCRA/Cross Country Series
5/18 Montague, TX
6/1 Bowie, TX
6/15 Saint Jo, TX
6/29 Weatherford, TX
8/24 Montague, TX
9/7 Fort Hood, TX
9/21 Joplin, TX
10/5 Jacksboro, TX
10/19 Lake Murray, OK
11/2 Wellington, TX
Info: 972/579-9161

Black Jack Enduro Circuit
5/18 Park Hills, MO
6/1 Chadwick, MO
9/21 Collins, MO
10/5 Stillwater, OK
11/2 Oklahoma City, OK
11/16 Muenster, TX

Southern Enduro Riders Association Hare Scrambles Series
8/24 Tupelo, MS
9/28 Alexandria, LA
11/9 Wiggins, MS
11/23 Warrior, AL
12/7 Selma, AL
1/18 Selma, AL
2/1 Hattiesburg, MS
2/8 Wiggins, MS
Info: 504/665-0313

Northwest Motorcycle Association Enduro Series
5/18 Goldbar, WA
6/14 Bellingham, WA
7/12 Olympia, WA
8/17 Naches, WA
9/14 Mount Vernon, WA
9/28 Olympia, WA
10/26 Bellingham, WA
Info: 206/242-7044

IERA Championship Enduro Series
8/17 Stratford, IA
9/7 Castana, IA
9/14 Winterset, IA
10/5 Bartlett, IA
11/2 Morrison, IL
Info: 515/933-4872

IERA Championship Hare Scrambles Series
5/18 Fremont, IA
6/15 Anamosa, IA
6/22 Castana, IA
6/29 Luther, IA
8/24 Dow City, IA
10/12 Hills, IA
Info: 515/933-4872

Mouse Midwest Enduro Series
5/18 Millston, WI
6/8 Black River Falls, WI
6/15 Leader, MN
7/20 Grand Rapids, MN
7/27 Pearson, WI
8/10 Nickerson, MN
8/17 Stratford, IA
8/24 Rockford, IL
9/14 Winterset, IA
9/21 White City, IL
10/12 Upland, IN
10/26 Springfield Corners, WI
Info: 319/582-4864

Northwest Motorcycle Association Off-Road Series
6/15 Bellingham, WA
8/10 Bellingham, WA
9/6 StumpJumper, WA
9/21 Bellingham, WA
10/5 Rimrock Lake, WA
10/12 Shelton, WA
11/30 Kent, WA
Info: 206/242-7044

NETRA Championship Enduro Series
5/25 Freetown, MA
6/8 Somers, CT
6/22 W. Greewich, RI
7/20 Oxford, MA
8/10 Granville, MA
9/7 Lee, MA
9/28 Wrentham, MA
10/5 Adams, MA
10/19 Chester, CT
11/2 Stafford, CT
Info: 860/875-5757

NETRA Championship Hare Scrambles Series
5/11 Uxbridge, MA
5/18 Fishouse, NY
6/15 Thomaston, CT
6/29 Union, CT
7/6 Chelsea, VT
7/13 Windsor, MA
7/27 E. Hampton, CT
8/3 Searsport, ME
8/17 Alton, NH
8/24 Union, CT
8/31 Uxbridge, MA
9/14 Hoosick, NY
9/21 W. Greenwich, RI
10/12 Freetown, MA
10/26 Fishouse, NY
11/9 Modena, NY
Info: 860/875-5757

NETRA Turkey Run Series
5/18 W. Greenwich, RI
6/1 Wrentham, MA
6/21-22 Loudon, NH
6/29 Middle Grove, NY
7/13 Winchendon, MA
7/20 Adams, MA
7/27 Wymantowship, ME
9/7 N. Haverhill, NH
9/14 New Boston, MA
10/12 Winchendon, MA
10/26 Central Village, CT
Info: 860/875-5757

NETRA Championship Junior Enduro Series
5/17 Fishouse, NY
5/31 Wrentham, MA
6/14 Thomaston, CT
6/28 Union, CT
7/12 Granville, MA
7/26 Southhampton, MA
8/23 Union, CT
9/27 Brimfield, MA
10/11 Freetown, MA
10/25 Fishouse, NY
11/1 Winchendon, MA
Info: 860/875-5757

SRAC Motocross Series
5/10 Greeley, CO
5/18 Colorado Springs, CO
5/25 Berthoud, CO
6/1 Pueblo, CO
6/8 Colorado Springs, CO
6/14 Pueblo, CO
6/22 Aurora, CO
6/29 Berthoud, CO
7/6 Grand Junction, CO
7/13 Aurora, CO
7/19 Colorado Springs, CO
7/27 Colorado Springs, CO
8/3 Cheyenne, WY
8/10 Pueblo, CO
8/17 Berthoud, CO
8/23 Grand Junction, CO
9/1 Pueblo, CO
9/6 TBA
9/14 Pueblo, CO
9/21 Berthoud, CO
9/28 Colorado Springs, CO
10/5 Colorado Springs, CO
10/11 TBA
10/12 TBA

CMRRA 50cc/125cc C'ship Road Race Series
6/1 Perris, CA
6/28-29 Rosamond, CA
7/27 Riverside, CA
8/24 Riverside, CA
9/28 Perris, CA
10/ TBA
11/23 Riverside, CA
12/7 Palomar, CA
Info: 909/674-5357

AMA Gulf Coast Arenacross Series
5/16-18 Mobile, AL
6/13-15 Covington, LA
6/27-29 Gulfport, MS
Info 601/255-8110

GSC/Summer Arenacross Series
7/19 Bishop, CA
8/2 Bishop, CA
8/16 Bishop, CA
8/28 Bishop, CA
Info: 619/872-1570

Tennessee State Arenacross Championship Series
8/30 Atwood, TN, Rnd 1
9/6 Dyersburg, TN, Rnd 2
9/20 Paris, TN, Rnd 3
9/27 Paris, TN, Rnd 4
10/18 Paris, TN, Rnd 5
10/25 Paris, TN, Rnd 6
Info: 901/642-0511

WMRRA Road Race Series
5/31-6/1 Spokane, WA
6/14-15 Bremerton, WA
7/12-13 Seattle, WA
8/16-17 Bremerton, WA
9/7 Seattle, WA
9/27-28 Spokane, WA
Info: 206/338-4686

WSMC Road Race Series
5/17-18 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 5
6/14-15 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 6
7/19-20 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 7
8/16-17 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 8
9/20-21 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 9
10/18-19 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 10
11/15-16 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 11
12/20-21 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 12
Info: 805/256-1234

AFM Road Race Series
5/24-25 Sonoma, CA
6/28-29 Sonoma, CA
8/2-3 Sonoma, CA
9/6-7 Willows, CA
10/12 Buttonwillow, CA
Info: 510/796-7005

MRA Road Racing Series
5/18 Peublo, CO
6/1 Mead, CO
6/15 Denver, CO
6/29 Denver, CO
7/13 Mead, CO
8/10 Pikes Peak, CO
8/24 Pueblo, CO
9/14 Steamboat Springs, CO
9/28 Mead, CO
Info: 303/530-5678

Rocky Mountain Dual Sport Series
6/28-29 Turquoise Lake, CO
7/18-20 Leadville, CO
8/7-9 Sturgis, SD
9/8-9 Encampment, WY
9/10-13 Steamboat Springs, CO*
* National Trail Ride Series Event
Info: 303/697-8382

Cycle News Appalachian Dual Sport Tour
5/17-18 Stewart, OH
6/21-22 Renfro Valley, KY
7/19-20 Davis, WV
9/27-28 Elizabeth, WV
Info: 304/284-0084

Ride For Kids Charity Ride
5/18 Torrance, CA
6/1 Atlanta, GA
6/15 St. Paul, MN
6/21 Asheville, NC
7/13 Oakbrook, IL
7/26 Marysville, OH
8/3 Harriman, NY
8/24 Ann Arbor, MI
9/7 Monroe, WA
9/14 Columbia, MD
9/28 Vallejo, CA

Sprout Patch Motocross Series
5/10 Billings, MO
6/7 Billings, MO
6/21 Billings, MO
7/12 Billings, MO
7/26 Billings, MO
8/2 Billings, MO
8/9 Billings, MO
8/16 Billings, MO
8/30 Billings, MO
9/13 Billings, MO
9/27 Billings, MO
10/11 Billings, MO
10/25 Billings, MO
Info: 417/744-2593

CMC West Coast Arenacross Challenge
9/26-27-28 Fresno, CA
10/3-4-5 San Diego, CA
11/7-8-9 San Francisco, CA
11/14-15-16 Reno, NV
11/21-22-23 Las Vegas, NV
2/27-28-3/1 Sacramento, CA
Info: 702/267-4392

West Coast Motocross Championships
5/25-26 Hollister, CA
Info: 415/587-8678

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Fri, May 9

CALIFORNIA INDOOR MOTORCYCLE SWAPMEET - Intershows Motorcycle Swapmeet, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 714/364-2542.

* CALIFORNIA SUPERCROSS - K-B Racing Promotions, Night Race, Sacramento Raceway, Sacramento. Info: 916/682-6123.

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY MC RACING - Fast Fridays, Auburn Fairgrounds, Auburn. Info: 916/878-7223.

* DELAWARE SHORT TRACK - Delaware Motorsports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

* KENTUCKY ARENACROSS - KTMXA, Paris Dirt Trackers Inc., Lyon County Fairgrounds, Eddyville. Info: 901/642-0511.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - MRA/Milan Cycle City, Milan. Info: 313/439-7735.

* WISCONSIN STADIUM MOTOCROSS - Lake Geneva Raceway, Night Race, Bloomfield Road, Lake Geneva. Info: 815/728-0823.

May 10-11

CALIFORNIA DESERT RACE - Off-Road Endurance World Championships, Plaster City West. Info: 619/427-5759.

CALIFORNIA DUAL EURO SCRAMBLES - AMA/District 37, Badgers MC, Red Mountain. Info: 310/376-1329.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/U.S. Womens MX League Outdoor MX National Championship, Glen Helen, San Bernardino. Info: 714/837-3374.

ILLINOIS HILLCLIMB - Central Illinois Motorcycle Club, Mattoon. Info: 217/895-3355.

* ILLINOIS MOTOCROSS - AMA/North Central Area Qualifier, Lincoln Trail, Casey. Info: 217/932-2041.

* INDIANA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Mideast Area Qualifier, Trojan Park, North Webster. Info: 219/594-2649.

NEW JERSEY SWAPMEET/ENDURO - Ridge Rider M/C Enduro Club, Waterloo Village Concert Field, Stanhope. Info: 201/361-3733.

Sat, May 10

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - Go Huge Racing Promotions, Night Racing, Ocotillo Raceway, Elay. Info: 520/743-7727.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Motowest Racing Ent., Club Moto, Night MX, Rnd 4, Livermore. Info: 415/587-8678.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Roosters Motorcycle and 4x4 Super Store, Phillipsville. Info: 707/943-3029 or 923-2280.

CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - Mothers Day Mayhem, International Speedway, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 714/492-9933.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 619/484-1441.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Saturday Night Racing, Starwest Supercross Park, Moreno Valley. Info: 909/943-4535 or 909/657-8845.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Western 2 Norcal Region, Livermore. Info: 415/587-8678.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Night Race, Pepsi Air Dania Motocross Park, Dania-Fort Lauderdale. Info: 305/321-9422.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Dade City Raceway, Rnd 6, Dade City.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - Southern Raceway, Bainbridge. Info: 912/246-5088.

* KENTUCKY TT - Paducah Dirt Riders, County Park Lane, Paducah. Info: 502/444-6438.

* NEW JERSEY DRAG RACING - Ken Landerman Raceway Park, Top Street Motorcycle Championships, Raceway Park Dragstrip, Englishtown. Info: 908/446-7800.

* NORTH CAROLINA SUPERCROSS - NAME/Night Time Series, Rolling Hills Cycle Park, Reidsville. Info: 910/342-4492.

NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Newton Real Estate, 226 MX Series, Rnd 5 Suzuki of Gastonia, Morganton. Info: 704/652-3758.

OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 11, Shannon King Dirt Country, Plus Quads, Blanchester. Info: 513/625-7350.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - MRA/Delta Raceway, Delta. Info: 419/822-3006.

* OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA/American Motosports Inc., Union Ridge Raceway, Albany. Info: 614/596-2057.

* OHIO PRO-AM SUPERCROSS - AMA/District 11, Action Sports Promotions Inc., Nelsonville. Info: 614/594-MOTO.

* OHIO HALF-MILE - AMA/Pro-Am, Roeder H-D/Huron Rive Hog, Huron County Fairgrounds, Norwalk. Info: 419/465-2546.

* OHIO FLAT TRACK - Honda Hills, Honda Hills Road, Linnville. Info: 614/323-3766.

* SOUTH DAKOTA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Jack Pine Gypsies Clubgrounds, Sturgis. Info: 605/347-3418.

WASHINGTON TRAIL RIDE - Northwest Motorcycle Association Ladies Trail Ride, Tahuya Forest, Belfair. Info: 360/366-7223.

WASHINGTON DIRT TRACK/TT/SCRAMBLES - AMA/Mount St. Helens MC, Castle Rock Race Park, Season Opener, Castle Rock. Info: 360/274-8700.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - AMA/Loretta Lynn's Qualifier and Regular races, Washougal Motocross. Info: 541/673-1671.

WISCONSIN SHORT TRACK - AMA/Aztalan Cycle Club Inc., at the Clubgrounds, Lake Mills. Info: 414/353-5920.

Sun, May 11

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Alabama Spring Motocross Series, Kilpatrick Motocross, Kilpatrick. Info: 205/561-3495.

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - Cerbat Motosports, Cerbat Motorsports Park, New Start Gate, Kingman. Info: 520/757-7438.

CALIFORNIA ROUGH SCRAMBLES - RS Racing Central California Championship Series, Madera Fairgrounds, Madera. Info: 209/661-0706.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Western 4-Stroke National, Rnd 4, American Motorcyclist Association, Glen Helen ORV, San Bernardino. Info: 909/880-3090 or 909/880-1733.

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - Fast Fridays, Sideways Saturdays, AMA/District 36, Dixon May Fairgrounds, Dixon. Info: 916/878-7223.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - ProSports USA, Yamaha Sunshine State MX Championship Series, Motocross of Marion County, Reddick. Info: 407/333-2356.

ILLINOIS MOTOCROSS - Tri City MC Club, AMA/District 88, NMA Qualifier, Quad Cities, Coal Valley. Info: 309/799-3882.

ILLINOIS TRIALS - Rock River Riders, Club Grounds, Polo. Info: 815/232-2731.

ILLINOIS MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Midwest Region, Coal Valley. Info: 309/792-5813.

KANSAS MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Kansas Region. Info: 913/842-8272.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Daniel Boone Motocross Park, London. Info: 606/877-1364.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - AMA/Buffalo Creek Raceway, Grayson. Info: 606/836-0888 or 304/486-0888.

* MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 7&13, NMA, Budds Creek Motocross Park, Budds Creek. Info: 301/475-2000.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Spinning Wheels Promotions, Ragged Edge Raceways, Neelyville. Info: 573/686-4441.

NEBRASKA MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/SW Nebraska Region, McCook. Info: 308/345-3744.

* NEW YORK SHORT TRACK - Square Deal Rider MC, AMA, SDR Raceway, Harpurville. Info: 607/775-0770 or 693-2634.

NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - AMA/MSC/District 34, Spring Series, Suzuki Contingency, Walden Playboys MX, Wallkill. Info: 914/561-2126.

NORTH DAKOTA MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Dakotas Region, Jamestown. Info: 701/838-1268.

OHIO MOTOCROSS - Sunset Ramblers, Motorcycle Club of Galion, Info: 419/562-6931.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - MRA/Delta Raceway, Delta. Info: 419/822-3006.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - CRA/Ohio International Raceway, Ravenna. Info: 330/369-5993.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - Kenworthy's GP Club, AMA/Amateur MX Grass Race, Kenworthy's MX Park, Troy. Info: 937/335-4763.

OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Cimarron Region, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/733-0341.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Sleepy Hollow Motocross, Fredericksburg. Info: 717/273-1180 or 717/273-9212.

PENNSYLVANIA CROSS COUNTRY - GNCC, Racer Productions Inc., Brownsville Luzerne Park, Brownsville. Info: 304/284-0084.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Hurricane Hills Sports Center Inc., Route 106, Clifford. Info: 717/222-9290.

* TENNESSEE SUPERCROSS - Powerline Supercross Inc., Atwood. Info: 901/686-0558 or 662-7708.

TEXAS VINTAGE MOTOCROSS - Vintage Iron, Texas AHRMA Spring Series, Rio Bravo MX, Houston. Info: 281/497-3366.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - AMA/Spring Fest 97, Greenville Motocross Park, Greenville. Info: 903/450-0017.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - AMA/South Central Area Qualifier, Highlands MX Park, Highland. Info: 713/843-6686.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - CMC/Squisher Racing, Horn Rapids ORV, Richland. Info: 509/837-3595.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - AMA/Gold Star, Washougal Motocross. Info: 541/673-1671.

WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Northwest Region, Richland. Info: 208/667-7905.

* WISCONSIN MOTOCROSS - AMA/Aztalan Cycle Club Inc., at the Clubgrounds, Lake Mills. Info: 414/297-9367.

WYOMING MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Wyoming Region, Lusk. Info: 307/682-0506.

Fri, May 16

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Southern Sports Promotions, Greater South Fairgrounds, Mobile. Info: 601/255-8110.

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY MC RACING - Fast Fridays, Challenge #1, AMA/District 36, Gold County Fairgrounds, Auburn. Info: 916/878-7223.

* DELAWARE SHORT TRACK - Delaware Motorsports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Thunder Creek MX, High Falls, Jackson. Info: 912/994-6630.

IDAHO SHORT TRACK - Owyhee Motorcycle Club, Boise. Info: 208/384-5512.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - MRA/Milan Cycle City, Milan. Info: 313/439-7735.

WISCONSIN STADIUM MOTOCROSS - Lake Geneva Raceway Suzuki Contingency, Night Race, Bloomfield Road, Lake Geneva. Info: 815/728-0823.

May 17-18

CALIFORNIA ROAD RACE - Willow Springs Motorcycle Club, Rnd 5, Willow Springs International Raceway, Rosamond. Info: 805/256-1234.

CALIFORNIA DIRT TRACK - AHRMA Regional Dirt Track Series, Tulare Cycle Park, Tulare. Info: 209/685-0503.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - Oakland Motorcycle Club, Sheetiron 300 Dual Sport Ride, Stonyford. Info: 510/229-9134.

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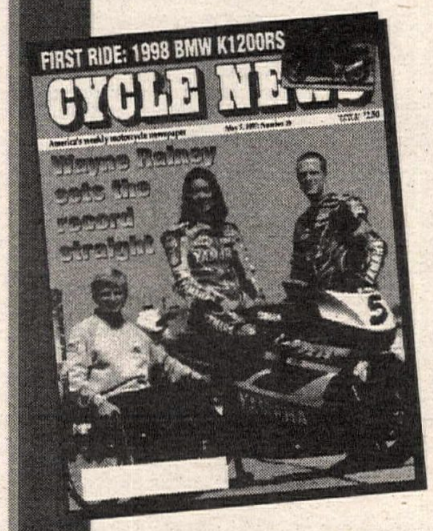

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CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - AMA/District 37, Countdown China Lake 300, Motel 6, Ridgecrest. Info: 818/348-8381.

IOWA OBSERVED TRIALS - AITRA/All Iowa Trials Riders Association, Anamosa. Info: 515/265-6634.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Area Qualifier, AMA/Thorobred Series, Bluegrass Sports, Bluegrass Motocross Park, Clay City. Info: 606/744-5916.

* NEW JERSEY DRAG RACES - NHRA Top Fuel/Pro Stock Motorcycle Drag Races, 28th annual NHRA Mopar Parts Nationals, Raceway Park, Englishtown. Info: 908/446-7800.

* NEW MEXICO MOTOCROSS - AMA Area Qualifier/New Mexico Competition Club, East Mountain Sports Park, Moriarty. Info: 505/884-9033.

OHIO DUAL SPORT - Racer Productions Inc., National, Red Bird Ranch, Stewart. Info: 304/284-0084.

Sat, May 17

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Southern Sports Promotions, Greater South Fairgrounds, Mobile. Info: 601/255-8110.

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - Penhall/Oceanspray Cup Championship, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 714/492-9933.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMC/Night Motocross, Riverfront Park, Marysville. Info: 916/695-2727.

CALIFORNIA SUPERCROSS - Full Blown Promotions, 1997 FMF Southern California Supercross Series, AV Fairgrounds, Lancaster. Info: 805/942-1211 or 805/942-7880.

CALIFORNIA RIDE - Los Angeles Harley-Davidson & Buell, Informal Lunch Ride to Idyllwild, Los Angeles Harley. Info: 562/408-6088.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Contingency Series #1, Starwest Supercross Park, Moreno Valley. Info: 909/943-4535 or 909/657-8845.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Adelanto Raceway, Open MX, Adelanto. Info: 760/381-5761.

CALIFORNIA NIGHT ENDURO - District 36, LAO Fund-Raising Event, Morningstar Campground, Foresthill. Info: 707/448-1567.

* CANADA SHORT TRACK/TT - CMA Sanction, Bayside Trail Blazers, Trail Blazer Park, Shannonville. Info: 613/395-3064.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Night Race, Pepsi Air Dania Motocross Park, Dania-Fort Lauderdale. Info: 305/321-9422.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Dade City Raceway, Rnd 7, Dade City.

* FLORIDA SUPERCROSS - West Florida Motocross Park, Night Supercross, Milton. Info: 914/623-6038.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Southeast GA/FL Region, Milton. Info: 904/944-4794.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - Southern Raceway, Bainbridge. Info: 912/246-5088.

ILLINOIS VINTAGE & MODERN TRIALS - Bloomington Normal MC, Club Grounds, Wapella. Info: 217/288-8905.

ILLINOIS TRIALS - AMA Combined regular Trials and AHRMA Trials, BNMC, Wapella. Info: 815/288-8905 mail box 16.

* LOUISIANA DIRT TRACK - Swampland Raceway, Grand Prairie. Info: 318/363-3734 or 318/363-3371.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - Dirt Riders Motorsports Ltd., District 14, AMA, Log Road Motocross, Coldwater. Info: 419/636-5430.

NEW MEXICO MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Southwest Region, Moriarty. Info: 505/822-9170.

* NEW YORK SHORT TRACK - AMA/Square Deal Riders MC, SDR Raceway, Harpursville. Info: 607/775-0770 or 693-2634.

* NORTH CAROLINA SUPERCROSS - NAME, Rolling Hills Cycle Park, Night Series, Reidsville. Info: 910/342-4492.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge Supercross Spring & Summer Series, Taylorsville. Info: 704/635-8635 or 758-4342.

* OHIO SUPERCROSS - CRA/Western Reserve Motorcycle Club, Salem. Info: 330/337-8077.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - MRA/Delta Raceway, Delta. Info: 419/822-3006.

PENNSYLVANIA SHORT TRACK - Trail Way Speedway, AMA, Hanover. Info: 717/359-4310.

Sun, May 18

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Southern Sports Promotions, Greater South Fairgrounds, Mobile. Info: 601/255-8110.

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Alabama Spring Motocross Series, Chandler Mountain MX Park, Steele. Info: 205/681-8317.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - SRA Grand Prix, Carlsbad. Info: 714/957-2985.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - GFI Racing, AHRMA, Perris Raceway, Perris. Info: 909/653-4042.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Roosters Motorcycle and 4x4 Super Store, Phillipsville. Info: 707/943-3029 or 923-2280.

CALIFORNIA ROAD RACE - Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, Ride for Kids, Torrance. Info: 800/253-6530 or 704/665-6891.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Over the Hill Gang Motocross, Hungry Valley, Gorman. Info: 909/444-9411.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 619/484-1441.

CALIFORNIA ENDURO - AMA/District 37, VCMC, Gorman. Info: 310/376-1329.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - California Racing Club, Dunestown, Los Angeles County Raceway, Palmdale. Info: 805/272-8889.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - NMA Ponca City Qualifier, Starwest Supercross Park, Moreno Valley. Info: 909/943-4535 or 909/657-8845.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AHRMA National, SOCAL & Western Series Vintage MX, AHRMA/SVRG, Perris Raceway, Perris. Info: 909/929-6772.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - SSC Racing/Castaic Brick Spring Nationals, Castaic. Info: 805/294-0020.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AMP/Yoko for Moto Top Gun Summer Series, Round 1, Hollister Hills GP Track, Hollister. Info: 209/656-9682.

* CONNECTICUT PAVEMENT SHORT TRACK - Sideways Promotions, AMA, Stafford Motor Speedway, Stafford Springs. Info: 508/874-1732.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - ProSports USA, Yamaha Sunshine State MX Championship Series, Dade City Raceway, Dade City. Info: 407/333-2356.

FLORIDA ENDURO - Battlefield Enduro, River City Dirt Riders, Osceola National Forest, Olustee. Info: 904/645-1815.

FLORIDA ENDURO - SETRA/Straight Arrow Enduro, Richloam.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Paradise Off Road Park, Plus Vintage, Macon. Info: 912/745-3946 or 738-0664.

IDAHO MOTOCROSS - Owyhee Motorcycle Club, Boise. Info: 208/384-5512.

ILLINOIS TRIALS - Forest City Riders, Club Grounds, Byron. Info: 815/334-7155.

* ILLINOIS POKER RUN & BIKE BLESSING - Westgate Chapter of ABATE of Illinois,OakLawn. Info: 708/479-6266.

ILLINOIS MOTOCROSS - AHRMA Midwest MX, Bloomington Normal Motorcycle Club, Wapella. Info: 815/288-8905 mail box 16.

* IOWA FLAT TRACK - VDTRA/Modern DL Racing, Half-Mile Flat Track, Louisa County Fairgrounds, Columbus Junction. Info: 319/264-1988.

KANSAS MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/SW Nebraska Region, Stockton. Info: 308/345-3744.

KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - Eagle Creek MC Park, Mason Lane, Owenton. Info: 606/472-3442.

MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - Antietam Motorcycle Club, AMA/District 7, NMA, Howell Road, Hagerstown. Info: 301/797-8686 or 301/797-1607.

* MEXICO MOTOCROSS - Too Much Fun Promotions/La Playa Grand Prix Series, Cantamar, Rosarito, Baja California. Info: 011/52-661-22525.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - Dirt Riders Motosports Ltd., District 14, AMA, Log Road Motocross, Coldwater. Info: 419/636-5430.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Timberland MX Raceways, Poplar Bluff. Info: 573/686-4187.

NEBRASKA MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Nebraska Region, Ashland. Info: 402/572-7196.

NEW MEXICO MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Southwest Region, Moriarty. Info: 505/822-9170.

* NEW MEXICO MOTOCROSS - AMA/New Mexico Competition Club, East Mountain Sports Park, Moriarty. Info: 505/896-0200.

NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - AMA/Rnd 1 of the Thor/Parts Unlimited Northeast Classic Motocross Series, Route 79, Binghamton. Info: 717/222-9290.

NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - AMA/MSC/District 34, Spring Series, Suzuki Contingency, Claverack MX, Hudson. Info: 518/828-6149.

NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Tecnosel Carolina Ultra Series, Victory Sports Racing, Polk County MX, Columbus. Info: 423/323-5497.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Spring Series, Dirt World Promotions, Montrose MX Park, Raeford. Info: 919/554-4467.

NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Carolinas Region, Hendersonville. Info: 704/483-0772.

NORTH DAKOTA MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Dakotas Region, Bismarck. Info: 701/838-1268.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - MRA/Sandusky Valley Riders MC, Tiffin. Info: 419/425-1515.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA/District 11, Action Sports Promotions Inc., Nelsonville. Info: 614/594-6686.

* OKLAHOMA CROSS COUNTRY - OCCRA/Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association, Elk City. Info: 405/390-5227.

PENNSYLVANIA ROAD RACE - Reduc Sportbike Association, Pocono International Speedway, Long Pond. Info: 215/625-0844.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - AXO/FMF/Dunlop District 5 Spring Series, Pleasure Valley Raceway, Johnstown. Info: 814/536-1845.

PENNSYLVANIA HARE SCRAMBLES - M&G Racing, Beaver Valley Raceway, Hookstown. Info: 412/693-2880.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - M&G Racing, Beaver Valley Raceway, Hookstown. Info: 412/693-2880.

* SOUTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Hardeeville MX, Hardeeville. Info: 912/748-6304.

* SOUTH DAKOTA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Jack Pine Gypsies Clubgrounds, Sturgis. Info: 605/347-3418.

* TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - TNT MX Park, Milan. Info: 901/987-3029 or 987-9633.

TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid South Hare Scrambles, Clarksville. Info: 615/859-0873.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - 25th annual GNC Texas Series, Mosier Valley DFW, Dallas/Fort Worth. Info: 214/351-9900.

* VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Birch Creek Motosports Inc., U.S. Eastern Pro-Am Spring Series, Birch Creek Motosports Park, Danville. Info: 804/724-4392 or 836-0710.

VIRGINIA HARE SCRAMBLES - VCHSS/Tidewater 100, Surry. Info: 757/255-4620.

WASHINGTON DUAL SPORT - Bigfoot Dual Sport Skagit MC, Mount Vernon. Info: 360/336-2817.

WASHINTON ENDURO - Jackhammer Enduro, Northwest Motorcycle Association Enduro Series/Team Crutch, Gold Bar. Info: 206/641-8137.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - CMC/Squisher Racing, Horn Rapids ORV, Richland. Info: 509/837-3595.

WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Northwest Region, Richland. Info: 208/667-7905

May 23-26

CALIFORNIA RALLY - United States Motorcycle Jamboree & Motorcycle Show, Tulare County Fairgrounds, Tulare. Info: 562/634-5714.

Fri, May 23

* CALIFORNIA SUPERCROSS - K-B Racing Promotions, Night Race, Sacramento Raceway, Sacramento. Info: 916/682-6123.

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY MC RACING - Fast Fridays, Gold Country Fairgrounds, AMA/District 36, Auburn. Info: 916/878-7223.

* DELAWARE SHORT TRACK - Delaware Motorsports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - MRA/Milan Cycle City, Milan. Info: 313/439-7735.

* WISCONSIN STADIUM MOTOCROSS - Lake Geneva Raceway, Night Race, Bloomfield Road, Lake Geneva. Info: 815/728-0823.

May 24-25

* COLORADO MOTOCROSS - AMA/RMXA Loretta Lynn's Qualifier/NMA Qualifier, Semi-Pro with Youth, Watkins Raceway, Watkins/Denver. Info: 719/473-6723 or 303/271-0190.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Daniel Boone Motocross Park, London. Info: 606/877-1364.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Reno Chapter Over the Hill Gang, National Motocross, Fernley International Raceway, Fernley. Info: 702/847-7214.

* UTAH MOTOCROSS - Cedar Raceway, Old Highway 91, Cedar City. Info: 702/631-6848.

WASHINGTON OLD TIMERS MOTOCROSS - International Old Timers MX Association, Richland. Info: 206/840-0466.

Sat, May 24

ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Saturday Night Racing, Iron Man MX Park, Warrior. Info: 205/663-0963.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 619/484-1441.

CALIFORNIA SUPERCROSS - Full Blown Promotions, 1997 FMF Southern California Supercross Series, AV Fairgrounds, Lancaster. Info: 805/942-1211 or 805/942-7880.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Contingency Series #2, Starwest Supercross Park, Moreno Valley. Info: 909/943-4535 or 909/657-8845.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Adelanto Raceway, Open MX, Adelanto. Info: 760/381-5761.

COLORADO MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Colorado Region, Watkins. Info: 303/215-0227.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Night Race, Pepsi Air Dania Motocross Park, Dania-Fort Lauderdale. Info: 305/321-9422.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Dade City Raceway, Night Motocross, Dade City.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - Southern Raceway, Bainbridge. Info: 912/246-5088.

IDAHO MOTOCROSS - Owyhee Motorcycle Club, Wild West National, Boise. Info: 208/384-5512.

MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Ozark Region, Kingsville. Info: 417/889-4794 or 417/881-3587.

* NEW JERSEY MOTORCYCLE DRAG RACING - Ken Landerman Raceway Park, Top Street Motorcycle Championships, Raceway Park Dragstrip, Englishtown. Info: 908/446-7800.

NEW YORK TRIALS - AMA/District 4, Park Settlement, Owego. Info: 607/687-3784.

* NEW YORK ARENACROSS - Frozen Ocean Motocross Park Inc., Auburn. Info: 315/784-5466 or 784-5517.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - CRA/Malvern Motocross Park, Malvern. Info: 330/262-4945.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - MRA/Delta Raceway, Delta. Info: 419/822-3006.

OHIO MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Ohio Region, Malvern. Info: 330/262-4945.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 11, Honda Hills, Honda Hills Road, Linnville. Info: 614/323-3766.

* PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Racer Productions Inc., Pro National Weekend, High Point Raceway, Mount Morris. Info: 304/284-0084.

PENNSYLVANIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Racer Productions Inc., High Point Raceway, Mount Morris. Info: 304/284-0084.

SOUTH DAKOTA MOTOCROSS - 6th annual Bud Money Race, Yankton. Info: 605/665-3512.

* SOUTH DAKOTA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Jack Pine Gypsies Clubgrounds, Sturgis. Info: 605/347-3418.

* TENNESSEE SUPERCROSS - KTMXA/Atwood. Info: 901/686-0558 or 662-7708.

WASHINGTON POKER RUN - Northwest Motorcycle Association Poker Run Series/Puget Sound Enduro Riders, Shelton Fairgrounds, Shelton. Info: 360/491-1728.

WASHINGTON DIRT TRACK/TT/SCRAMBLES - AMA/Mount St. Helens MC, Castle Rock Race Park, Castle Rock. Info: 360/274-8700.

May 25-26

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Motowest Racing Ent., 5th annual Memorial Day MX Championship, Hollister Hills. Info: 415/587-8678.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AMP/Yoko For Moto Top Gun Summer Series, Rnd 2&3, Oatfield Raceway, Turlock. Info: 209/656-9682.

* COLORADO HALF-MILE DIRT TRACK - Harry's Roamers MC Club, Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Hugo. Info: 303/857-2307.

* MINNESOTA MOTOCROSS - AMA/North Central Area Qualifier, Moto City Raceway, Browerville. Info: 218/894-1487.

Sun, May 25

ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Spring Series, Iron Man MX Park, Warrior. Info: 205/663-0963.

CALIFORNIA VINTAGE MOTOCROSS - VMA State Championship Series, Vintage and EVO, Hanford Fairgrounds, Hanford. Info: 209/661-0706.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - California Racing Club, Dunestown, Los Angeles County Raceway, Palmdale. Info: 805/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Western 2 Norcal Region, Hollister. Info: 415/587-8678.

COLORADO LIMON QUALIFIER - Native Colorado Trail Riders, Limon. Info: 303/642-0534.

COLORADO MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Colorado Region, Watkins. Info: 303/215-0227.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - ProSports USA, Yamaha Sunshine State MX Championship Series, Sun State Raceway, Ona. Info: 407/333-2356.

IDAHO MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Utah Region, Boise. Info: 801/776-3631.

IDAHO MOTOCROSS - Owyhee Motorcycle Club, Wild West National, Boise. Info: 208/384-5512.

KANSAS MOTOCROSS - NMA Grand National MX C'Ship/Ponca City Qualifier/Kansas Region. Great Bend. Info: 913/842-8272.

KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Pendleton County MC Park, Gardnersville. Info: 606/472-3442.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - AMA/Thorobred Series, Bluegrass Sports, Daniel Boone Motocross Park, London. Info: 606/744-5916.

NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - AMA/MSC/District 34, Spring Series, Yamaha Contingency, South Woods Sportsman, Monticello. Info: 914/794-4033 or 914/794-1645.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - WNYSC, Frozen Ocean MX Park Inc., Auburn. Info: 315/784-5466 or 784-5517.

NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Tecnosel Carolina Ultra Series, Victory Sports Racing, Cathey's Creek MX, Forest City. Info: 423/323-5497.

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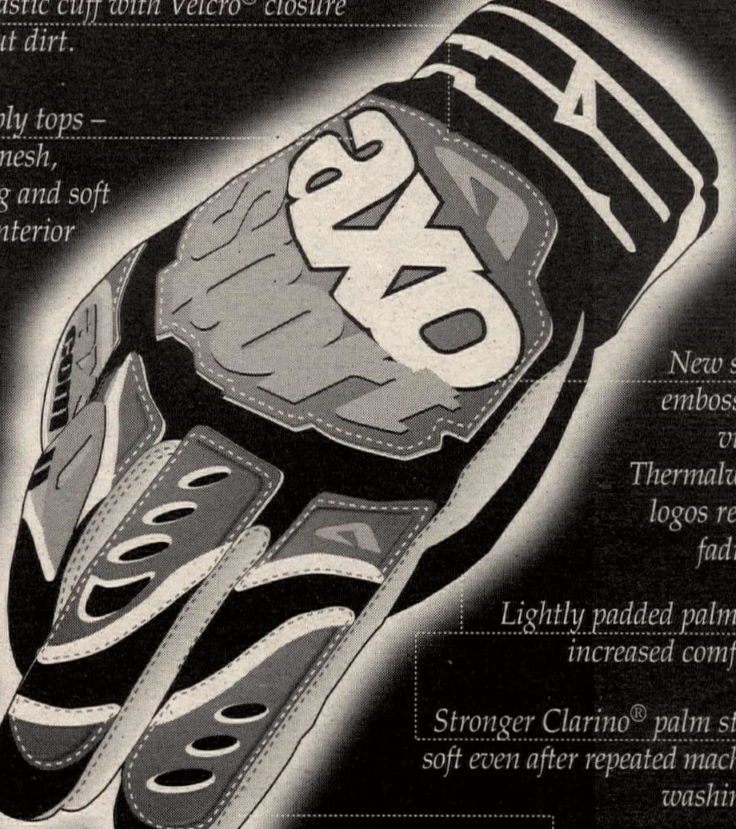

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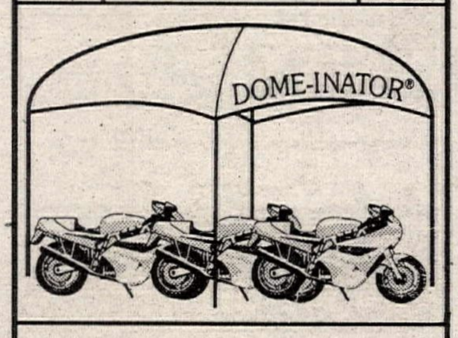

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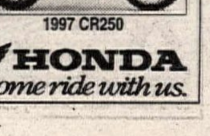

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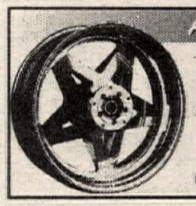

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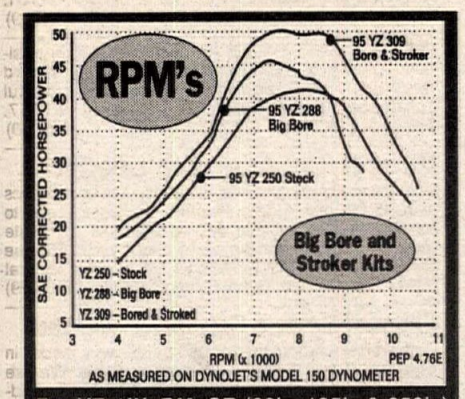

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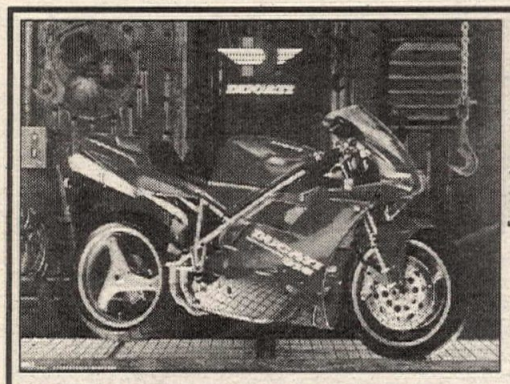

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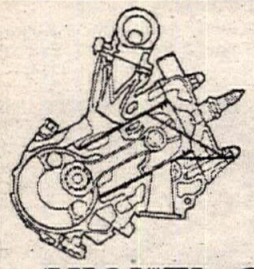

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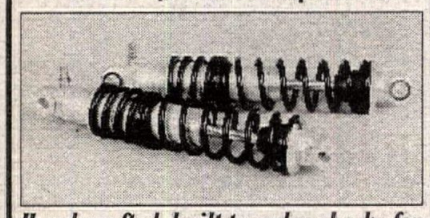

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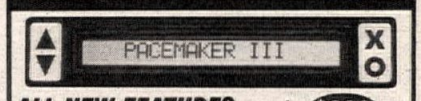

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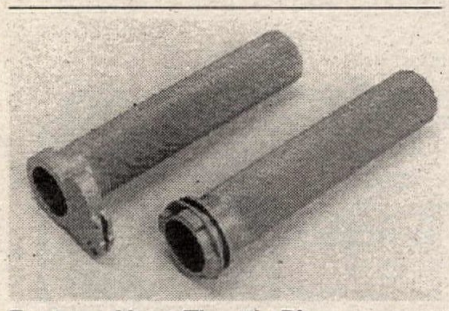

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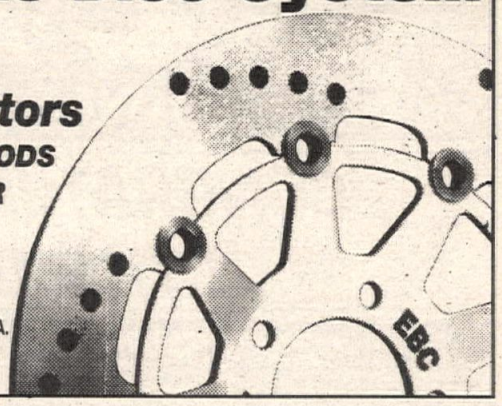

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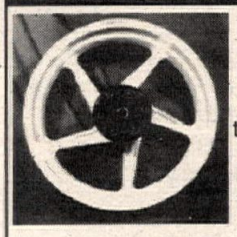

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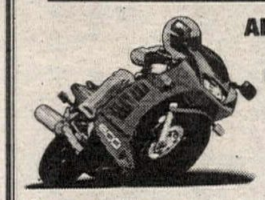

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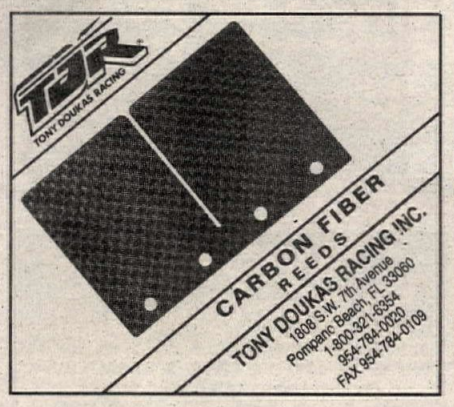

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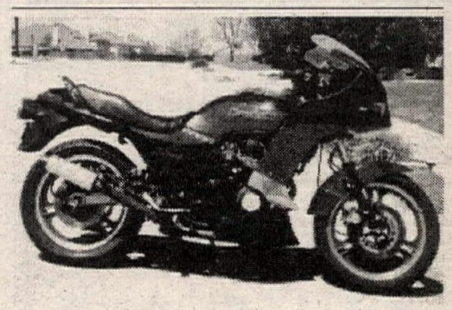

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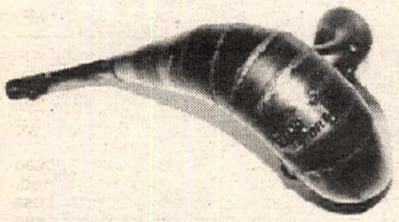

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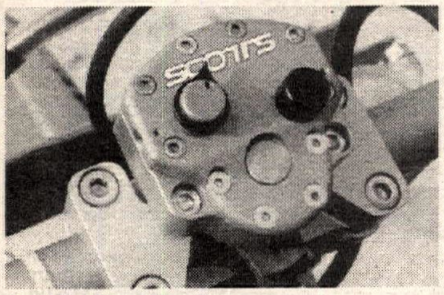

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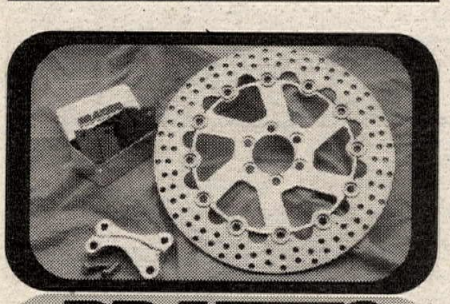

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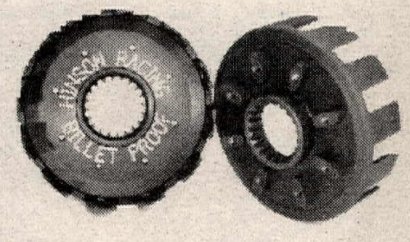

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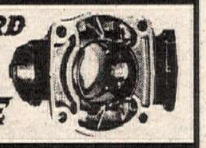

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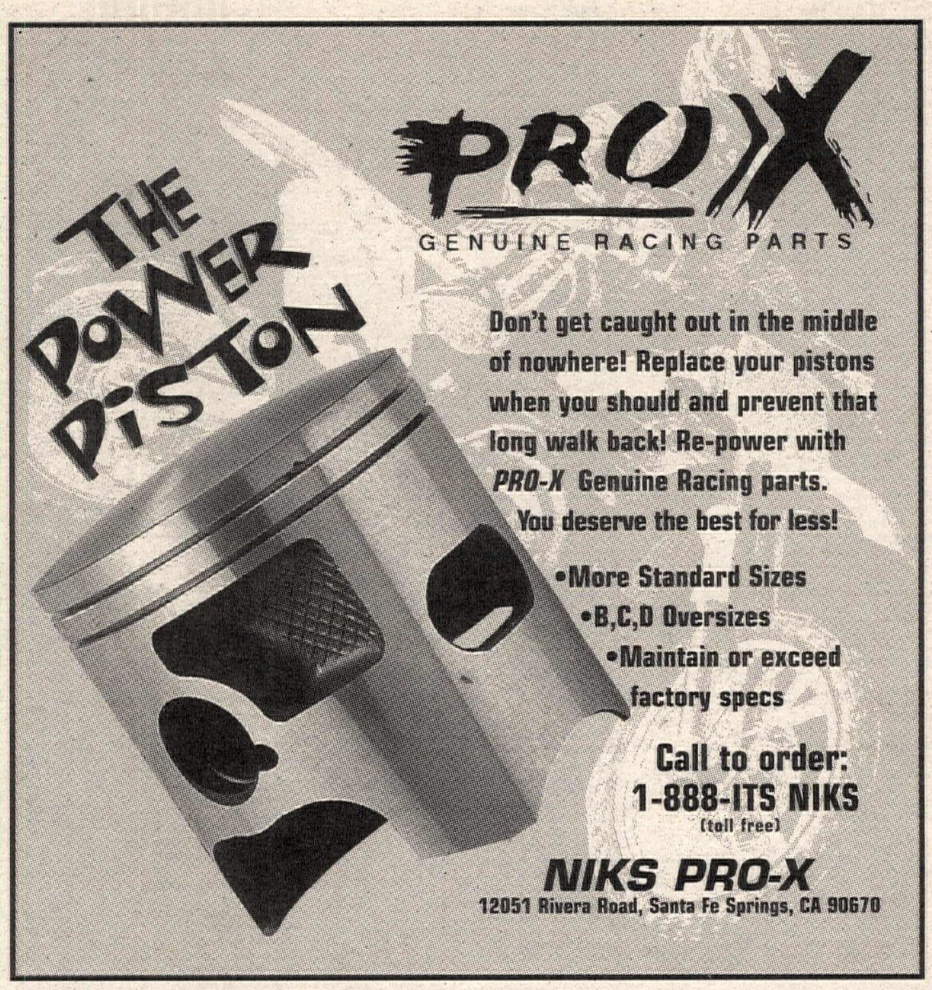

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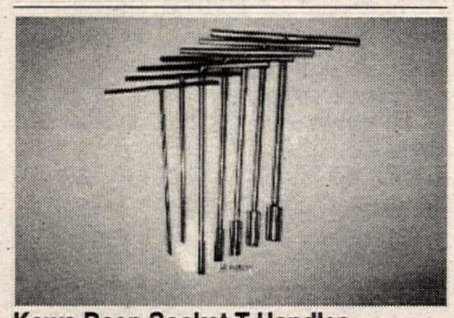

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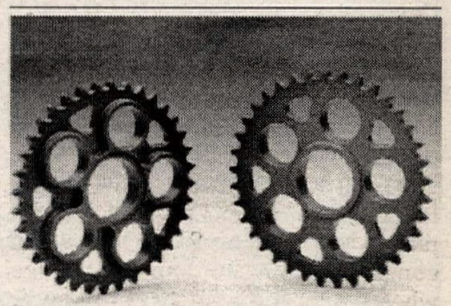

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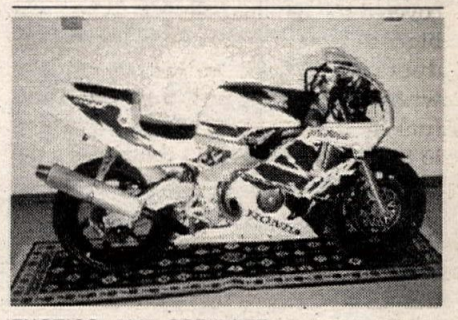

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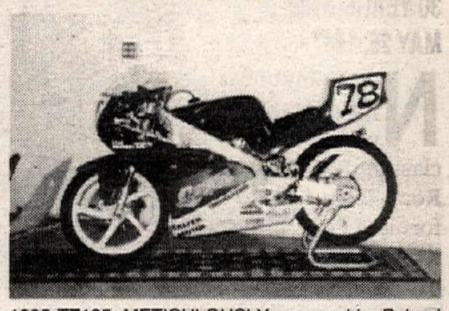

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BY ERIC JOHNSON

My earliest memories of motor racing, be it automobile or motorcycle, are of listening to the Indianapolis 500 live on the radio. Where I grew up in northeastern Ohio, Memorial Day weekend usually marked the final exodus of the deep, gray blanket of clouds that covered the region throughout the dreary winter months. The Indy 500 always seemed to bask in the glow of warm, springtime weather.

My dad is a big automobile racing fan, and each spring a ritual would take place where all of his Snap-On tools, air compressor, engine hoist, car jacks, wheels, tires and a funky old radio he picked up in Europe called a Telefunken (complete with a glowing green radio tube that always fascinated me), were yanked out of the deep, dark basement and transported up to the garage. From there, he dutifully worked on a number of his big and noisy drag-racing cars throughout the spring and summer months.

In the 1970s, when I was old enough to figure out what car racing was all about, the arrival of the month of May would be marked by the radio being tuned to the local AM radio station that covered the Indianapolis 500. When that big Sunday rolled around, the garage doors would be rolled open, the wrenches pulled out, and the Telefunken volume knob would be turned to the far right (at least I think that's the way it went).

To this day, I can vividly remember the excitement of hearing all the pomp and circumstance of the pre-race festivities as the racers were introduced, the national anthem belted out, and the traditional "Back home again in Indiana" sung (I'm not sure if Jim Neighbors was singing it back then or not). Soon thereafter, Tony Hulman would issue the command: "Gentlemen, start your engines!" And 33 snarling USAC-sanctioned Indy Cars would be brought to life. After the requisite warmup period, the cars would slowly begin to roll off the grid to begin their sighting laps. As the exotic machines rolled around the cavernous, historic facility, the 400,000 fans in attendance - and somehow you could sense all of them through the radio - roared with their approval.

On the parade laps, an announcer - one stationed at each of the circuit's four corners - would describe the setting and then kick it over to the announcer in the next turn, and so on. Definitely drama to the highest degree. As the drop of the green flag approached, you could feel the excitement build to fever-pitch levels and I'm not exaggerating.

In the '70s, there was no live television coverage of the Indianapolis 500. While ABC Television would broadcast the event on a tape-delay basis during the prime-time viewing hours later the same evening, the true race fan would be able to capture the live, "as it happens" action and excitement through the radio broadcast. The one drawback being that the listener would know who won the event long before the TV broadcast later that night, thus spoiling the surprise. Oh well...

Back to the radio. Once the green flag fell on the race, we would stand near the supertrick Telefunken and listen to drama play itself out. Listening to the radio belt out the sounds of the mighty, howling Offenhausers while the announcers followed the cars around the 2.5-mile brickyard circuit was awe-inspiring. After a while, as the race settled into a pattern, I would head out to ride my BMX bike, kick over my YZ80, throw rocks, or dream up and scheme the next big fire my friends and I would create. (I think my mom was suspicious as to where all of the lawn-mower gas was disappearing to).

Throughout the afternoon, I would circle back around to the radio in order to monitor the progress of the race. No matter how hard I tried, there was no way I could stand to miss the end, thus I would always know the winner before the national TV broadcast. In fact, it was always interesting to me to see how the images I created in my head from listening to the radio broadcast matched those of the TV airing.

Now that I've rambled on for a spell, it is time to describe to you, the *Cycle News* reader, where I am going with this childhood recollection. At 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, I turned on my well-worn Macintosh computer, plugged in the modem, cracked open a can of Tecate beer and dialed in the *Cycle News* Internet site. Upon entering the web page, I sorted out the Virtual Grandstand section and hooked into the live coverage of the Dallas Supercross.

It was round 14 of the 15-race AMA Supercross Series, and for all intents and purposes, the title chase was now down to a classic, man-against-man struggle between the Babe Ruth of Supercross, Jeremy McGrath, and perennial runner up, co-star and archrival, Jeff Emig. This very duel punctuates all of the trappings of a calamitous championship chase that will go down as the most competitive and hard-fought series in the 25-year history of the sport. As the Virtual Grandstand site appeared upon my screen, I settled back and prepared to "watch" McGrath and Emig cross swords.

I was intrigued immediately as the pre-race notes proclaimed that the track was a complete swamp due to the fact that it had rained for two days prior to the event. I was not aware of this and wondered what effect the inclement weather would have on the overall event. At approximately 5:40 p.m., the live feed direct from Dallas began to show up on my Mac. Internet connection, don't fail me now!

As the evening's program progressed through the heat races and semis, the excitement of the main event began to build. To a certain degree, I felt as though I was sitting in the grandstands of Texas Stadium, although the bottom of my pants weren't soaked through from a rain-slicked seat.

While the popularity of supercross is booming at the moment (in my opinion, years from now, the 1997 season will be remembered as the sport's golden age), the final frontier of live television coverage has yet to be conquered. Sure, supercross has a fantastic television package (albeit tape delayed), a plethora of magazines, and a few 1-900-results numbers to deliver the action, however, there is no true way to follow the sport live - until now.

As the 20 motorcycles staged for the 250cc main event in Dallas, I moved to the edge of my seat and snake-eyed the computer screen. I hit the reload button, and the first strands of information began to load themselves onto the screen: Jeremy McGrath was mired in a first-turn pileup and Jeff Emig was out front in the lead with teammate Ryan Hughes riding interference. At that point, I had the flashback of being 10 years-old and standing in the garage in Ohio listening to the live action of the Indianapolis 500.

While supercross doesn't enjoy the plentiful, live television coverage that NASCAR or Indy Car racing does (at least not yet), there is certainly something to be said about following our sport live through another electronic medium - one that requires the viewer or listener to get involved. Having the ability to follow a race as it happens and to be able to conjure up your own images of it, can actually lead to some unique and special memories of a specific racing event or time in your life. It worked for me once, and now I believe lightning has struck twice.

And that, to me, is a very cool thing. CN

LOOKING BACK...

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Norton-mounted **Johnny Apple** won the Open class at the Carlsbad Road Race in California. **Clyde Litch** won the 500cc class on a Honda, **Jim Deehan** won the 250cc class on a Kawasaki, **Dave Damron** won the 200cc class on a Suzuki, **Larry Schoenfelder** won the 125cc class on a Honda, **Bob Deutshman** won the 100cc class on a Hodaka, and **Tony Nicosia** won the 50cc class on a Honda...Harley-Davidson-mounted **Chris Draayer** won the Expert final at the Ascot Half-Mile in California over **Mel Lacher** on a Harley and **Sammy Tanner** on a BSA...**Mike Yarn** won the Amateur-Expert main on a Montesa at the Vallejo Speedway Short Track in California. **Dwayne Francisco** and **Jim Odom** finished second and third, respectively, on Suzukis...BSA's **Dick Mann** won the Half-Mile Flat Track in Tulare, California, over BSA-mounted **Sammy Tanner** and **Swede Savage** on a Harley-Davidson.

20 YEARS AGO...
MAY 18, 1977

Riding for Team Army, **Bob Messer** won the Fort Hood, Oregon, Two-Day Reliability Trials on a Maico. Messer was part of a three-rider team including **Joe Paradis** and **Nate Pillsbury**, which handled motorcycle public relations and safety classes for the Army...KTM's **Tom Brooks** won the Larry Pfutzenreuter Memorial/Mitch Mayes Benefit Hare and Hound in Lucerne Valley, California...*CN* took a look at the Keith Code Rider Improvement Program and came away quite impressed with its ability to teach Amateur races...*CN* ran a small profile of CMC number-one plate holder **Val Tamietti**...*CN* continued it's multi-part story on 500cc World Champion **Roger DeCoster** entitled: "Part II: Young Roger's passion for motorcycles points toward his destiny."...Yamaha's **Steve Baker** topped the field at the new Formula 750cc World Championship round in Spain. **Christian Sarron** and **Hubert Rigal** finished second and third, respectively, on Yamahas.

10 YEARS AGO...
MAY 20, 1987

Team Husqvarna's **Dave Bertram** won the Little Polecat National Enduro in Twain Harte, California. **Kevin Hines** piloted his KTM to second and **Jeff Irwin** guided his Husky four-stroke to third overall...The Team Hyper-Cycle duo of **Carry Andrew** and **Jeff Herzog** won the Road America 500 Endurance race in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin...*CN* ran an interview with AMA Superbike Champion **Fred Merkel**. Team Honda's **Randy Morales** won the Hilltoppers MC Rosarito Beach Grand Prix in Mexico. Honda-mounted **Randy Norman** got second and **Wayne Martin** finished third on a Husky...Defending Formula USA Grand Prix Series Champ **Earl Roloff** won the F-USA race at Willow Springs International raceway in California on a Kawasaki. **David Emde** got second on a Yamaha and **James Domay** finished third on a Suzuki. CN

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